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Mattapoissett Road Race Goes Virtual for 2020

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

The 2020 Mattapoissett Road Race on the Fourth of July was supposed to be a bigger celebration than usual, as this year would have marked the 50th running of the race. But now Trevor Wyson and Kim Bolick will remain the reigning champions for another year with the race being postponed until 2021.

"With how unsure things are right now, I'm not even sure that I could (push the race) to the fall," race director Bill Tilden said. "And it's always been a huge Fourth of July gathering. People come in from all over to visit families and have family reunions. You get to earn those burgers and beers that you're going to have later in the afternoon. It'd be completely different if we tried to do it in the fall. So, let's just bump it off, and let's make next year's even bigger and better."

With runners pulling out of the race early since Massachusetts shut down, Tilden and others involved in the race felt it was time to decide on this year's running. From the start of the statewide shutdown and based on the rules Governor Charlie Baker established, the Mattapoissett Road Race committee was preparing to put off the event this year.

"We thought that there was a chance that nothing would be opened up in time, especially when you're allowed to maybe have 10 people in a building," Tilden said. "And I'm going to have over 1,000 people standing on a starting line and then a couple thousand fans littered across the course. There's no way to do the separation there, and I can't be there to police people to say, 'Hey, please stay six feet apart.'"

With the postponement, Daniel Briand will have to find something else to do on the holiday for the first time in a long time. He participated in the Mattapoissett Road Race longer than he resided in the town. In fact,

On the Cover: A runner goes through his paces on Tuesday morning in Mattapoissett village. Due to safety concerns, the 50th Fourth of July Road Race will not be held as scheduled, but a virtual race will be held on an individual basis with proceeds going toward stipends traditionally established to assist Old Rochester Regional High School graduating seniors. Photo by Ryan Feeney

Briand is the only runner to ever compete in the event each of the 49 times it's been held, and he was set to run it again this year.

"It's disappointing, obviously," he said about the postponement of the event. "There was no difficulty to make the decision. We get over 1,000 runners and where it runs down through the town of Mattapoissett there's a lot of spectators. So I'm sure there's a couple thousand people down there on the Fourth of July's so, obviously, that's not something we're going to be doing with social distancing anytime soon. So it was disappointing but not unexpected, that's for sure. Certainly (it was) the right thing to do to call off, unfortunately."

Another group impacted by the postponement of the 50th running is Old Rochester Regional High School's Class of 2020. Last year, the Mattapoissett Road Race provided ORR's senior class with over \$20,000 in stipends — which is a big part of why Tilden and company are still putting something together for the community.

"We're going to do a virtual run. I'm not a huge fan of a virtual race," he said. "Everybody is running on

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a different course, different humidity or temperature... There's a lot of people out there that don't have fancy watches that can give me a printout of results and all that stuff. We just want people to get out there and do a five-mile run the week before the Fourth. We're trying to do (the virtual race) from June 26 to July 2, and we just ask people to send us a photo of you out on this run that we'll (upload) onto the website on July 4 — like we were there virtually. Everybody had already done the run, but we're just putting their pictures up on our website just to thank them for really sponsoring — the money that doesn't go back to the race (but) goes to our seniors that are graduating this year. And this class has missed out on enough already."

The registration donation fee for the virtual race is \$25. Runners can also purchase a Mattapoisett Road Race t-shirt for \$10, but they have to sign up by June 1 in order to do so.

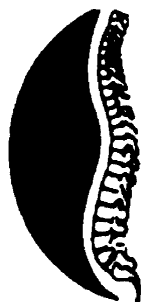
Don't Stand So Close to Me

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Long before handwashing was recognized as the single most significant intervention to the spread of disease (okay, so this was discovered more than a century ago but no one was paying attention), I was washing my hands and not touching my face. I'm not a genius; I'm a germaphobe.

At the office it was not unusual for people to bring cookies, candy, cakes, etc. to share. I, too, brought goodies in for the other corporate slaves. But I rarely ate what other people brought to work and never ate with my fingers — no finger food here. Cookies would be extracted from a serving tray with a napkin, candies had to be individually wrapped, nothing from a Russell Stover



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Air travel was part of my corporate life. I'd often be sitting in a packed plane with 150 or more travelers, trying with all my might to reduce my physical being into the tiniest package possible so my arms and legs never came in contact with another passenger. Picking the aisle seat much to the chagrin of long-legged travelers, I made sure that my boarding pass was printed at the nanosecond the airline check-in system permitted, ensuring I'd not only get on the plane early in the boarding process but that I'd also get overhead space for my carry-on luggage. Hand sanitizers at the ready, I wiped down those few inches of space I could call my own for the next hour or so. Using another wipe, I'd clean my clean hands and then I settled in to endure the flying cattle car experience.

At the hotel, as soon as I entered the room, the cleaning process continued. I feared a common cold, regular flu; nothing more sinister was considered, just normal contagions. All that paranoia has well prepared my nervous system and habits of daily living for what we are dealing with today.

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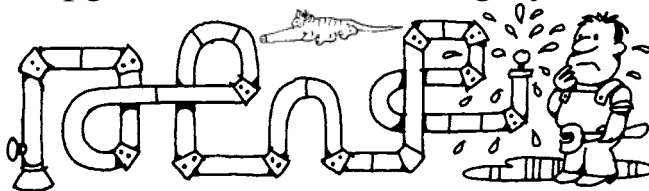
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Yet the more I read, the more I hear, the more confused I become. Should I shelter in place disinfecting all incoming supplies including the mail or just wash my own hands after touching things? Should I wear a face covering when I walk the dog or just be prepared to zig-zag down the sidewalk to avoid other pedestrians? Do I trust that, while I've been so careful since the first week in March to avoid just about everything, adding door knob and hinge disinfecting to the laundry list of things now viewed as potential points of contact, or trust that my immune system is ready to beat back mutated cooties?

If my age wasn't a factor, I might be inclined to relax a bit, walk with confidence, no mask, keeping appropriate distance knowing nothing could touch me

because I'm young and can bounce back if need be. From what I've seen, loads of younger people aren't wearing masks or keeping their distance. Oh the fearlessness of youth. However, my age is a factor, sad to say but true. Over 65, heading for the big 70 puts me and my 75-year-old husband in the elderly category. Good gawd, that's hard to write!

Adding insult to injury rained down on me by the universe over the last four years are the injuries and chronic illness I'm coping with. Mobility is a challenge. Increasing rust and dust of an internal type make moving around tricky and painful. Many of the things I thought my husband and I would be doing at this stage in our lives we are not, such as travel. And so, since I've been unable to travel over the past few years, the latest lockdown hasn't prevented us from doing much. We weren't going anywhere anyway.

Thus the combination of being a germophobe and sticking close to home have positioned me well for mentally coping with a loss of free movement. It has not abated fear of contracting this nasty virus.

When we do go out for our walk I want to scream at other day trippers, "Please keep your distance. Don't stand so close to me!"

Sometimes I'm recognized by an acquaintance. They'll wave and seem to move closer to actually speak to me. Phew, no, they only waved. I don't have time for pleasantries, I've got to get this walk done and get home. I'm old now, get back!

With effort I practice "just for today" protocols to enjoy life in small ways. Spring has become a daily treat as new plants emerge from the ground, birds of all shapes, sizes and colors feed in the backyard, and on the finer days there is solo yoga on the patio. I've found YouTube a great resource for all sorts of workout videos for people my age. Those have been a daily excuse to get my groove on where no one but the dog and my husband witness the contortions. Zumba-ing around the house I almost forget my physical problems and feel 50 again. Inside every older person is a young person thinking, "What the heck happened?!"

I'm a bit loath to share that grooming practices have changed since the emergency began. I don't have to do much more than brush my teeth and run a facecloth across my sagging jowls to call myself groomed. A hot, quick shower replaces spa treatments of the past. A quick combing of the now bushy white mane might be added, but gone are the 20-minutes previously dedicated to make-up application. Forget about it! As a younger woman I wouldn't leave the house without applying full face of make-up, coiffing my hair, and donning outfits matched to the latest fashion trend. Not any longer unless you consider elastic waistbands chic; then, yes, I've still got it going on.

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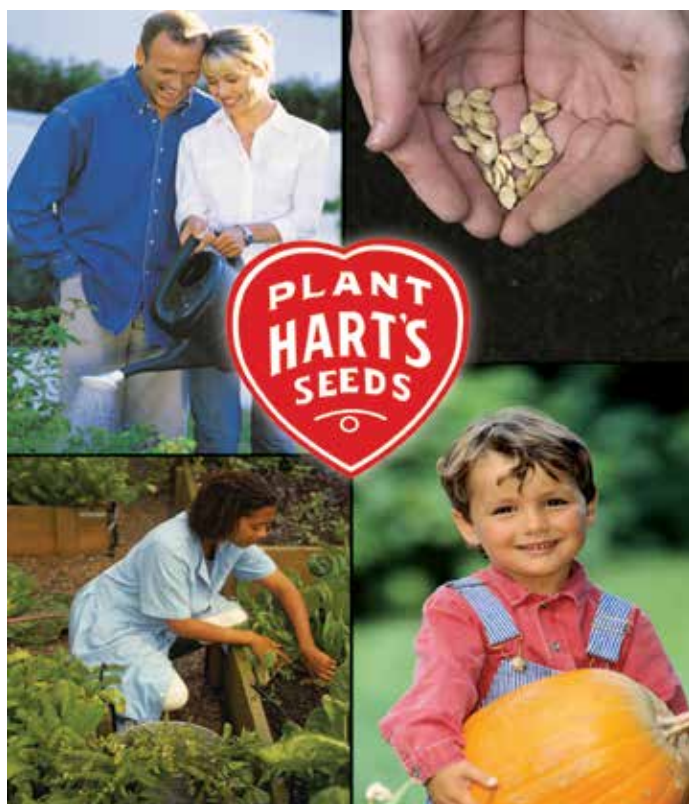
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Tale of Adventurous, Amorous Cottontail Rabbit

By George B. Emmons

When the morning sun rises outside our picture window on Little Bay on Sconticut Neck in Fairhaven, our outlook dawns a little brighter with each passing day now that the spring is emerging.

We feel like venturing outdoors for spring clean up after April showers and stormy winds. We are surprised to be greeted by several Cottontail Rabbits on our lawn, munching on lush green blades of grass. We haven't seen them all winter, as they were hibernating in edges of nearby woodlands living on a diet of bark stripped from young trees. When we go out to raise a doubt of their appetite for perennial leaves, they often freeze at our approach with a wide-eyed stare of innocent

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If we proceed too close for comfort, they can turn on a dime to bound away with a bunny's signature, hippity-hop retreat, while flashing the white cottontail as a flag of unconditional surrender. This shy creature has a Latin species title of *Sylvilagus floridanus*, perhaps the latter sounding like a love of florals. However, it is best known for leading a very socially promiscuous life.

After breeding in April, there will follow three more litters before the end of summer, each with five or more young ones. And by September, the litter from the first clutch will already have had a litter of their own. This cornucopia of reproduction is an annual ample food supply for predators, to dwindle down their numbers, in



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I hope you have found my tale of the Cottontail Rabbit entertaining as it was for me, a pleasant change and therapy from obsession of our recent pandemic phenomena.



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Remote Vote Encouraged Before Town Elections

By Mick Colageo

All three Tri-Town communities have postponed their annual elections. While two of those towns have officially rescheduled, the one that has not officially rescheduled (Marion) has rolled out the most detailed plan for its election, with Marion Town Clerk Lissa Magauran adapting a voting model originated by Egremont Town Clerk Juliette Hass.

In customizing a Town of Marion Annual Town Election COVID-19 Contingency Plan, every imaginable detail involved in executing a state-mandated, annual

town election during a declared State of Emergency in response to the coronavirus pandemic is addressed. Voters do not need to understand every jot of the plan, but it is clear that the Tri-Town communities are treating some form of Absentee balloting with more than the usual tolerance. Mail-in voting is being overtly encouraged.

Either Absentee or Early Voting methods as defined by state law will be enabled, but social-distancing advisories render over-the-counter service at town offices prior to the election suspended until Governor Baker opens up the state for business as usual. If the governor does reopen the state on May 18, town halls will greet visitors with a new look designed to limit the spread of germs.

It is expected that by the end of its Tuesday, May 19, Board of Selectmen meeting, Marion will make Friday, June 26, official as its election date of choice, joining Mattapoisett (Tuesday, June 16) and Rochester (Wednesday, June 17).

All three municipalities plan to hold Town Meeting on Monday, June 22. Marion's date is not yet official, but discussion at recent meetings indicates the clock only continues ticking at this point, the same way a football coach lets the seconds run down to a game-deciding field goal.

It is explained in Marion's plan that "Friday, June 26, 2020... was chosen to provide maximum separation in time from the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts (currently 69,087 per Mass DPH) and to meet the deadline to hold a municipal election by June 30, 2020. Holding the election on a Friday will provide 2.5 days for any virus introduced into the polling location to become inactive before the following work week."

Every voter registered in Marion will be mailed an Early Voting Application, according to the plan. If a voter has not received an Early Voting Application, he or she can request an application for a mail-in absentee or early ballot no later than Friday, May 15, via the town email list, Marion Facebook Forum or at marionma.gov.

As early as April 1, Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger said Mattapoisett was capable of moving forward with its then-May 19 election date (now June 16



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Rochester Town Clerk Paul Dawson is actually on the ballot while acting in an interim capacity since the retirement of longtime town clerk Naida Parker early this year. It also happens that Rochester is the only one of the Tri-Town communities with a question on its ballot, that question being if voters wish to make town clerk an appointed rather than elected position.

Dawson, meanwhile, has a complex election to run and on the town's website, townofrochester.com, has encouraged remote access voting in keeping with the wishes of the town's Board of Selectmen.

While absentee balloting in Rochester is still confined to traditional reasons (i.e. schedule hardship, disability or religious beliefs), early voting is a method being encouraged so as to avoid crowding the polls. Any registered Rochester voter may choose early voting "to ensure that their vote is counted without the need to assemble in groups on Election Day. We encourage voters to consider early voting to ensure a safe and healthy experience." Early voting applications are available on the town website, and ballots will be mailed out to those filling out and returning the application. Ballots must be returned before the polls close on Election Day.

From more absentee ballots to fewer poll workers, the expansion of early voting and voters using their own pens, there has always been a contingency plan brewing amidst the threat of the coronavirus.

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Traditionally, there is a lot that goes into holding an election, and this year not limited to special strategies to most effectively limit the spread of the coronavirus via wearing of masks, proper spacing inside and outside the polling place.

After polls close in Marion, the town clerk will secure the cast ballots. Only the candidates and the media will be present when the election warden announces preliminary results that will also be posted on the town website and emailed to media outlets.

For more information, visit town websites, marionma.gov, mattapoisett.net, and townofrochester.com.

Like Fitness Guru Thoreau Always Said, 'Simplify, Simplify'

Schvitz'n with Norm

By Norm Meltzer

At the risk of going back to the well once too often, here's another installment of why the early physical culturists can show us the way when it comes to working out in times of scarcity.

First of all, we should look at why and how they exercised. The reason why they exercised is the very best reason of all — because they loved it! Evidence of their love and commitment is in the ridiculous lengths to which they would go to find a way to train. Renting vacant storefronts for workout spaces, digging through their basement foundations for adequate overhead clearance for weightlifting, contriving and constructing homemade equipment, and doing dangerous versions of present-day exercises.

The health and economic implications of what's going on should not be taken lightly, but griping about the petty inconveniences is a bit much. A perpetual bad hair day and watching reruns of the '94 Beanpot tournament are not major problems. When it comes to gym closures and working out at home, let's try to put things in perspective.

When I think of the crisis/opportunity platitude, my thoughts turn to Tommy Kono, arguably the greatest American weightlifter who learned how to lift weights in a Japanese internment camp. It's hard to imagine a more disheartening and inauspicious beginning to what would become such a highly decorated and celebrated athletic career.

When I think of training in less than ideal

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conditions, my thoughts turn to the early Olympic teams who had to travel by ship to the Olympic games. Can you imagine getting your last workouts in before the most important competition of your life, stuck at sea on a slow-moving ocean liner? There are accounts of the U.S. team traveling with weights and getting their lifts in on a ship, swaying and rocking throughout the journey. That's a big-time, home-court advantage in my view.

When I think of improvising and doing *whatever it takes* to get the job done, my thoughts turn to Henry Steinborn. This guy is a strongman folk hero, part human, and part mythical beast. He is credited with popularizing the modern-day squat, in part introducing the flat-foot style to the U.S. in the early 20th century. They didn't

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have squat racks back then, and so he would stand the bar up vertically, then bend down while tipping and pulling the bar into proper horizontal position on his shoulders, and then proceed to squat. He shouldered over 500 pounds this way, a hell of a squat in and of itself, nevermind the outlandish extra steps just to get to the starting line.

The early benches didn't have upright racks either. To perform bench presses a couple of spotters would give you a handoff or you would start with the bar on your thighs and lie back with it. Another common method was to do a pullover from the floor to get it into position.

Another admirable yet psychotic, old-school move was doing leg presses without the benefit of a leg-press machine. You would lie down on your back with your feet to the sky, have some spotters place the bar on the soles of your shoes, and do vertical leg presses while balancing the bar on the bottom of your feet. The grizzly old warriors sarcastically quipped, "That's what ERs are for." I'm a huge fan of those golden-agers who paved the way for the modern scene, but it behooves us all to avoid the ER, especially these days and probably always.

I was fortunate enough to have started in a gym that was to some extent a holdover from times past. It wasn't antiquated, but rather a perfect link between the old ways and the present. I'm still picking splinters out of my back from that gym's homemade leg-press machine



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that could have very well doubled as a medieval torture device. I learned a lot of vintage practices along with the new and improved methods.

So much of what we do today is the same, or at least derivative of things that were going on a long time ago. Why not borrow from the physical culturists' playbook? They're the ones who set the stage for modern-day exercise trends and they're the ones who figured out how to do without. They made barbells and dumbbells out of cement-filled cans and a piece of pipe. It was a cheap way out and it worked. They filled gunny sacks with sand and used these heavy bags for carrying and shouldering drills. I've made my fair share of sandbags out of truck-tire inner tubes, sand, and tape. Just cut the thing open, fill with sand, and then twist and tape the ends as handles. Throw it on your back and, voila, your squat jumps and lunges become that much more fun. A poor man's DIY adjustable sandbag is also a pretty easy project. Portion sand out accordingly into several packets, reinforce them so they don't leak (I use duct tape), and those separate inserts can serve as adjustable weight for something like a duffel bag, hockey bag or soft luggage.

Some physical culturists strength-trained by lifting public signs with concrete footings. And I just recently learned of some inmates doing lateral raises with plastic chairs when they were denied exercise equipment. You never know where your next good idea is going to come from: one day from a credentialed expert and another day from a prisoner whose dumbbells got confiscated.

Without access to our usual exercise trappings, the low-hanging fruit is running, push-ups, lunges and so forth. But we also have the ability to replicate most gym versions of an exercise, in some way or another, at home with limited resources. Try to reinvent the wheel! If you have a truly clever idea you may become the next muscle millionaire. Someone a hundred years from now may be doing some reps of an exercise named after you, just like the Henry Steinborn.

We squatted without squat racks, we did leg presses without leg-press machines, and we benched on stuff that wasn't designed for the task at hand... If we've learned anything from the physical culturists it is this: Where there's a will, there's a way!

— *Certified strength and conditioning coach Norman Meltzer, the owner/operator of MW Strength and Conditioning in New Bedford, was known during his competitive weightlifting career as "the Muscless Wonder" for his lean, mean physique lacking in the traditional bulk associated with strength training. Meltzer's experience and knowledge has helped pro, college and high school athletes and teams and even regular people improve their strength and performance.*

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Conservative Budgeting upon Uncharted Fiscal Landscape

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

In the event Rochester cannot hold Town Meeting as scheduled on Monday, June 22, Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar was advised to request approval for a "one-twelfth" budget for July 1, 2020, the start of FY21. Szyndlar told the Board of Selectmen during its May 7, remote-access meeting that she intends that presentation of a one-twelfth budget will be on the agenda for the board's next meeting, Monday, May 18, with cuts.

Selectman Woody Hartley asked for more specific



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information on what might be included in budget cuts, citing that real estate taxes account for approximately 70 percent of the town's operating budget.

"We do not need the public to start speculating... that's the worst thing that can happen right now," said Hartley.

Szyndlar said she will meet again with the Rochester Finance Committee, but explained her process.

"This is an ever-changing situation here, and we don't have much guidance on revenue numbers coming from the state," she said. "We did get a little bit of some budgetary developments and a letter came in from Senator Michael Rodrigues, and they're predicting big shortfalls."

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Thusly, Szyndlar based her one-twelfth budget on conservative revenues.

"I was not looking at any layoffs, any furlough... It was basically keeping it as is and covering the necessary expenditures, in other words the school, our fixed costs and keeping it as is," she said. "Well, as time has gone on, we know that we do have some buildings that the programs aren't continuing. It may be a little while before they continue so we'll look at that. We'll look at, possibly, areas that are... not needed at this point in time, and maybe some additional things in the budget that we can forgo until the fall."

Hartley clarified that Szyndlar is not suggesting cutting into school or safety budgets.

"Everything is unknown right now. We're working with unknown revenues, the state can't give us much guidance so we're trying to build something that we don't have enough information as far as where we're going to end up with cuts from the state," she said. "So we continue to do a conservative budget and, as we know more, we can work with the budget. As we know more, we go into the next fiscal year and, (if) things become much more severe than what we anticipated, at that point in time we can start doing some spending freezes, some looking at more programs and seeing where else we need to go."

Szyndlar acknowledged the potential for next steps that might include renegotiating contracts or the

changing of policies for the use of the town's reserve revenues or the use of its stability fund.

"All things are on the table at this time," she said. "I wish I knew more. People can imagine things, but we have to be realistic. We're in unprecedented times right now. There's a lot of unknowns."

Hartley acknowledged the unknown quantity, "but people will start speculating. They'll be throwing out, 'Oh, they'd better not do this' and 'They'd better not do that,'" he told Szyndlar. "I agree that we will not know probably until the day before Town Meeting what the Finance Committee and you as our CEO are going to recommend to the members of Town Meeting what we do. But we don't want people to be overly concerned at this point."

The positive side of the coin, explained Szyndlar, is Rochester's financial strength.

"As dire as this is with the revenues, I'd like to point out that fiscally we're in the best shape for a town to weather this storm. We've been really working on our reserves, our financial policies, building up our free cash, not using free cash to balance our budget. We're playing by the rules and... by the recommendations of the state as far as best practices so we are in much better shape than I think a lot of cities and towns are in," she said. "We don't rely on a meals tax, which is a big plus for us at this point in time because any of the cities and towns that have meals tax, that revenue has disappeared. We don't rely on a marijuana tax payment so that's a plus for us. Looking at our revenues, we don't have some things against us, we're in better shape."

In keeping with a requirement under the state's COVID-19 Relief Fund to ensure that Rochester will be reimbursed for non-budgeted, coronavirus-related expenditures, the Board of Selectmen authorized Szyndlar to send a letter to the state director of accounts, Division of Local Services, requesting written approval to pay emergency liabilities in excess of appropriation (not budgeted by Rochester).

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Town Counsel Blair Bailey noted that Rochester has the SEMASS payment that will continue and may increase with the amount of waste being processed. "Our payments are good," he said.

Bailey explained that a one-twelfth budget cannot include anything that requires Town Meeting approval or include any new number not in the present (FY20) operating budget. Automatic raises and step raises are different because union contracts have already been approved, "but cost-of-living adjustments cannot be in there until Town Meeting passes it," he said.

All the COVID-19-related expenditures in the departments and the schools are being dedicated and earmarked as non-budgeted expenditures per Cares Act requirements.

In other business, the board approved the appointment of Robert Orr as a part-time police officer, along with the reappointments to three-year posts for full-time officers Brendan Emberg, Kevin Flynn, and Alyson Rego.

The Board of Selectmen officially postponed the town's Memorial Day festivities and, at the suggestion of Vice Chairman Brad Morse, is angling toward Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11.

"I think we should plan on not doing anything and sometime in mid-August let's talk about holding it on Veterans Day since ours tends to relate around veterans, but I don't think we should have that discussion until we see where things are headed, but end of July and August start talking again," said Morse.

According to Bailey, the Board of Health is working on a plan with the fire department going ahead with the annual clamboil fundraiser on a drive-through, pickup scenario.

Hartley suggested it's time for a meeting of department heads, and Szyndlar said she would reach out to see when that can happen.

Anticipating one-on-one meetings with hearing-impaired clients, Council on Aging Director Cheryl Randall-Mach sought verification on the town's policy

requiring facemasks inside town buildings. There is a segment of the COA's clientele reliant on lip-reading.

Bailey confirmed that Rochester does require facemasks, but acknowledging that the spirit of the order is for when social distancing is not possible and that those who rely on lip reading sit farther apart than six feet and see if they can effectively communicate.

Having attended the Plymouth County Commissioners meeting, Board of Selectman Chairman Paul Ciaburri exuded confidence as he reported that the distribution of the \$90,000,000 under the CARES Act to reimburse towns for expenditures is expected to be up and running by the end of June.

"I have faith in them. They run a pretty tight ship," said Ciaburri. "This isn't the first time they've parceled out money. They have adequate people... I personally support them. They seem to have a great plan. I listened to them... they answered all my questions.

"None of this money can be used to balance budgets. You have to prove that you spent this money before you can get reimbursed so what Suzanne has done from the start is keep excellent track of this, plus all of the department heads. We're in pretty good shape, considering."

The Rochester Board of Selectmen will go back on a Monday schedule starting with its next meeting scheduled for 11:00 am Monday, May 18.



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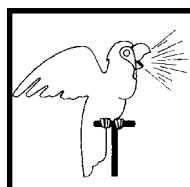
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Mattapoissett Conservation Commission
 By Marilou Newell

Mattapoissett Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King said several times during the commission's May 11 meeting that cases would or should be continued to give abutters and other interested parties full opportunity to review documents associated with a filing affording them "ample time" to express their concerns or ask their questions either at a re-opening of a hearing or by sending comments via email. He expressed that there are limitations to the remote meeting



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process and believes it is important to have some meetings continued for the benefit of public discourse.

The application of Scott Snow, aka Sandy Toes Realty Trust, 27 Nashawena Road, has been one such case. The new home planned for the site has met with many questions funneled through William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering. Madden was hired by the Antassawamock Club, Inc., a private collective whose members include abutters to the project site.

Madden, over the course of several meetings, raised on behalf of his clients' questions regarding construction methods for the extension of rebar in pilings used to evaluate the home planned for the flood zone, introduction and volume of fill, stormwater systems, and compliance with the most recent issue of FEMA regulations. On this night many of those same questions were raised, along with a pool foundation that had been previously permitted.

King expressed awe at the number of emails received by the Conservation Commission office given that the "neighborhood" had hired a "licensed engineer." He also said that many aspects of the project have been previously permitted, such as the home's foundation, and intimated that had the FEMA regulations not been modified since 2014 when the project was first planned, it would be moving forward now. "We are here now because of FEMA," he said.

Madden commented that several items were still missing from the plan of record, although a new plan

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had been submitted. He questioned if a buried propane tank and septic tank had been secured using the newest guidelines. He questioned if the concrete pavers were allowed and if identified resource areas were properly shown on the plans.

Conservation agent Liz Leidhold said when asked that she had not been to the site to ensure that jurisdictional areas were being adequately depicted on the plans.

King said that the tanks in question had been previously permitted. Madden said he had been raising these sort of questions since January but did not see them being completely addressed. King asked, "What do you want him to do; dig them up?" It was settled that

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Regarding construction methods, King responded to those questions as he had in past meetings. "That is not in the purview of the commission... that's the (jurisdiction of the) Building Department."

Time and again through the proceedings, Rich Rheaume of Prime Engineering, the applicant's representative, responded that the project would meet current FEMA regulations and that issues brought to the fore by Madden would be on the plan of record.

King said that several emailed comments questioned if the project would be in harmony with the neighborhood, to which he responded it would while adding that inherent issues in the neighborhood were not problems that the applicant needs to solve. He pointed to drainage problems offering that those issues could be a result of ditches dug for mosquito control.

After going through the lists of issues raised by Madden, King said, after polling the other commissioners, that, "...I think we have a consensus for the issues under review by the commission... other issues belong to other boards."

King opened the hearing to public comment but cautioned those wishing to speak to, "not waste time going over issues addressed by your licensed engineer... if you have anything, take it up with the (Department of Environmental Protection)."

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After asking three times if anyone wished to speak, the public hearing was closed. King said documents would be made available to anyone wishing to see them, but that at the next meeting an Order of Conditions would be ready for the commission's approval. The hearing was continued until May 27.

David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, and Leone, Inc., representing James and Sharlene Craig, Aucoot Road, outlined a timber pier plan. He said that the pier would extend some 17 feet into bordering vegetated wetlands and another 47 feet across marshlands. He said that at low tide the "cove" was basically a mudflat.



Davignon said that the DEP had forwarded "numerous comments" including long- and short-term impact on the salt marsh. He said, "The cove was dredged in 1973," and had been filling with sediment ever since, resulting in an area that wasn't supporting plants or animals. That was confirmed, he said, by a marine scientist.

Opening the meeting to the public, King added, "We'll open the public meeting, but ask the applicant to continue to give the public and abutters time to review the plans."

Technical issues with background noise made it impossible to hear an individual voice clearly. Once all microphones were muted, an abutter, Daicey Richardson, asked how far into the cove the pier would extend and if it would hinder other boaters. Davignon said that the

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The meeting was continued until May 27 to give the applicant time to respond to DEP questions and the public additional time as well. The public hearing was not closed.

Other hearings continued until the May 27 meeting were: Notice of Intent filed by Richard Jarvis, Beach Street, for the construction of a single-family home; Notice of Intent filed by Andrew Bishins, 20 Winnatuxet Beach Road, for the construction of an addition to an existing home; Notice of Intent filed by Town of Mattapoisett for improvements to Industrial Drive, Bart O'Brien of Whitman Homes, 38 Prince Snow Circle, and Christine Coughlin, 40 Prince Snow Circle, for turtle protection plans, and Jesse Davidson, 22 Pine Island Road, for changes to the original plan of record.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for May 27 at 6:30 pm, however attendance details are pending Governor Baker's emergency orders.

Solar Array, MBTA Turn Corner with Approvals

Rochester Conservation Commission


By Mick Colageo

Two cases that have made several appearances



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this year before the Rochester Conservation Commission turned a significant corner with approval of their respective Notices of Intent during the commission's May 5, remote access meeting.

Pedro Rodriguez of Solar MA Project Management LLC and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) both satisfied ConCom with updated presentations that will allow their respective projects to gain momentum.

Rodriguez, whose solar project off of Old Middleboro Road has gone through many tweaks and updates, was asked on April 9 for edits to his Notice of Intent packet information in keeping with the Conservation Commission's requests for modifications regarding the site plan on Page 1 and Page 18. On Pages 2 and 3, a modification was also made to the drainage system report and to the illicit discharge statement.

Rodriguez attended the remote access meeting along with representative Austin Turner of Bohler Engineering.

Without further discussion, the commission indicated its satisfaction with Turner's edits provided over the last two weeks, and Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon made a positive recommendation to ConCom Chairman Michael Conway.

"Mr. Commissioner, we've been at this for a while, and I think we've gotten to the point where everything that's been requested of the applicant has been submitted," said Farinon, recommending that ConCom close the public hearing and issue a positive Order of Conditions approving the project with the special conditions included in the commission's packet as Pages 5-8, Conditions 21-40.

At the passing of the motion to approve, Rodriguez and Turner thanked the commission. "It's a bit anticlimactic when we're doing it virtually, but when we can get everyone together, I'm going to shake all your hands," said Turner.

The MBTA case, continued from April 21 for the establishment of a maintenance facility and surrounding fence at 45 Kings Highway, has bounced back from a February 4 enforcement order shutting down the project on in the wake of violations in the 100-foot buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands.

Holly Palmgren, representing the MBTA, summarized updates in response to the last round of requests from ConCom and subsequent discussion with Farinon. "We did increase the number of plantings, we changed some of the kind of plantings, and the location of those plantings," Palmgren explained.

ConCom member Maggie Payne asked about the removal of soil stockpiles.

"We would remove them from the site to put down straw and a feed mix to stabilize that area," said Palmgren. "The stockpiles are mulched now... we think it would make more sense to get them off the site and stabilize the area."




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Farinon, along with ConCom member Kevin Thompson, was pleased with the new variation of plantings that will provide a stronger and more sustainable visual barrier.

"I think it's going to accomplish what we really want to accomplish, which is a head start as far as adding a little bit of a shrub layer. There's also a seed mix, and of course best of all is Mother Nature coming in and adding to it because you don't want to have 100 percent plantings because sometimes they don't do as well and you just really want to have them as a supplement, and I think this is a great start," said Farinon. "I think that was the main thing we were looking at as the results of the last meeting."


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The MBTA's request to remove the soil stockpiles from the site will precede a future Notice of Intent for final grading.

Thompson asked about the prior discussion regarding fence location. Palmgren said nothing has changed on fence location.

ConCom Vice Chairman Dan Gagne made a motion to issue a positive Order of Conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

In a third public hearing, Greg Carey filed a Notice of Intent for a large-scale, one-megawatt solar array in a hayfield on property owned by William Souza at 139 Sarah Sherman Road.

During the presentation made by Carey's

representative, Evan Watson of Prime Engineering, Conway challenged the proposed removal of a barn sitting in the 25-foot, no-disturb zone.

"You've got to prove to me – you've got to prove to the commission, actually – that there's no practical alternative existing but your proposed activity," said Conway. "I haven't seen anything (in the packet) saying you don't have a practical alternative so you're going to have to prove that to me."

Watson insisted that the building, even without plans for any kind of project on the site, would be better off removed.

"We can provide some more detail on that building. If you actually look at the building... even if we were not to do this project, the alternative of leaving the building where it is would likely not be the preferred alternative. It's dilapidated. It's attracting nuisance wildlife and things like rats. Squirrels are nesting in it, and it's causing it to further decay, et cetera," he said. "It would be I think in everybody's interests to see that building come out of there, but we will definitely add some more detail when we come back to the commission to demonstrate that as well."

Carey added that photos can be taken to further demonstrate.

A rough estimate based on the drawing presented indicates approximately 27 percent of the array is in the 100-foot buffer zone. Watson estimates that the array covers four acres out of 23 on the property.

The entry to the site, revised multiple times due to failure to secure easements, is back to using the existing access road in the southeast corner of the property. Rather than the original plan to take the shortest route through the 100-foot and 25-foot buffer zones and across the culvert that divides two sections of wetlands, it would instead veer north, wrap around those wetlands and enter the project area from the north.

The array would be surrounded by an access road per the request of Jeff Eldridge of the Rochester DPW and Fire Department. The access road surface will consist of crush stone to absorb stormwater, same as the area surrounding twin concrete pads upon which the

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Thompson clarified that the tree clearance proposed far exceeds the characterization of the property as being "all field." Watson said he may have misspoken on the matter, alluding to the clearing that is planned to the south of the array.

Watson said a drainage report indicates that the project will not result in stormwater erosion. A detailed construction sequence was included so ConCom could review and evaluate the probability of success of measures intended to ensure that erosion controls are installed properly and at the appropriate time. A stockade fence will be placed along the southern border facing the closest abutter.

Farinon discussed a potential site visit and the peer-review inspection of the stormwater situation. She recommended that the commission request a \$4,000 consultant fee and continue for a length of time that would allow compliance with requests. Whatever is not used would be returned to the applicant.

The case was continued to June 2. ConCom is next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 19.

Missing Members Stall Hearings

Rochester Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

The Braley Hill North Solar, LLC project has once again been continued, this time because of quorum issues,

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as only four of the Planning Board's seven members were present at its May 12 Zoom meeting.

Cognizant of potential ramifications of resuming the scheduled public hearing for the project without the absent board members, Chairman Arnie Johnson advised presenter Eric Las to request a continuance. After conferring with the applicant, Las thanked Johnson for the suggestion and requested a continuance to the board's May 26 meeting. "That sounds like the best decision... that seems like the right option," said Las.

Because some members not present had already missed the maximum-allowed one public hearing on the matter, missing another would disqualify those members from voting.

Potential fallout includes but is not limited to the possibility that the Planning Board will not be able to produce a quorum when it comes time to vote, resultant delays could possibly set the project far enough back it would require refile of all documents and rescheduling of fees, effectively starting from scratch. Town Counsel Blair Bailey added that at some point in the process a unanimous vote might be needed and might not be attainable.

"I think we're far enough along in the project that I think we know what needs to get done here engineering-wise," said Johnson, who didn't wish to see the project go off the rails.

A motion to continue the case to May 26 passed.

The board did schedule a site visit to Braley Hill Road on Friday, May 22, at 4:00 pm. Still listening in on the call, Las told Johnson, "We will have that fairly marked, Mr. Chairman." Johnson said the board would like to see limited clearing and where the panels are going to be.

The board also intends to schedule a Saturday site visit for the Connet Woods development, but that date will not be set until the remaining board members have been brought into the loop.

Of immediate issue are residents' complaints that, according to attorney Steve Meltzer, are largely leverage based. "We're going to do everything we're required to do and more, never less," he said.

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Seeking to separate the issues of storm drainage and the roadway, Town Counsel Blair Bailey said, "What we're trying not to do is hold the roadway acceptance (back)" and requested a letter be written to get that disassociation on the record.

"I will have Bay Colony write a letter to that effect. They are separate and distinct issues," said Meltzer. "You'll get a letter from me and attached to it a letter from the engineer making clear that the drainage issues have nothing to do with the roadway."

Town Planner Steve Starrett said the board's next meeting will be full with Connet Woods, Braley Hill and other projects on the agenda.

"We're going to make sure we get as many guys as possible to that meeting," said Starrett. "We can't afford at the next meeting to have anybody miss."

The Connet Woods hearing will be scheduled on the June 9 meeting agenda, falling after that project's site visit.

An informal hearing was held to introduce a solar project by Trinity Solar atop the roof of the Rochester Golf Club clubhouse at 353 Rounseville Road (Route 105). Paul Eaton, representing the club, proposed 25 solar panels on the roof facing Rounseville Road.

Route 105 is considered "scenic highway" and therefore requires application, but is not in a historical district, according to Johnson. The clubhouse is not visible from the road, and Johnson said the project will not require a peer review. Being below 200 kilowatts, a site-plan review is not needed either.

"He has to file a site-plan review application, but the extent of our review will be with the Building Department," said Town Counsel Blair Bailey, estimating the project will bring back a page-and-a-half decision. "As long as they meet the building-code requirements, that's all that we need."

Johnson estimated a two-month process. Eaton, who encountered technical issues hindering his presentation, planned to follow up on May 13 with Starrett.

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Noise Hinders Interviews for Public Health Nurse

Mattapoisett Board of Health

By Marilou Newell

On May 9, the Mattapoisett Board of Health held a public meeting, at which time five of eight applicants vying for the position of public health nurse were interviewed either on-site in the large meeting room located at the public library, or via Zoom internet meeting. The hitch in this plan, having the board gather in a room large enough to afford social distancing and remote meeting access, was the audio. Ambient noise in the cavernous room corrupted the voices of the participants, rendering discussions inaudible.

The Wanderer was unable to decipher the interviews and asked for the curriculum vitae and letters of interest submitted by the applicants to be provided as public records. Board of Health Chairman Carmelo Nicolosi accommodated that request.

The following are brief outlines from all eight applicants, based on documents they provided. Before the interviews commenced and with the phone positioned adequately for audio output, Board of Health Agent Kayla Davis declared that she had completed full disclosure forms at the town clerk's office given that her aunt, Elizabeth Russell of Wareham, was one of the applicants.

Russell's resume lists a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Curry College in 2019. She has worked in public health settings, and as a nurse in both medical and surgical positions. Russell also listed community nursing as part of her career path and has been a case manager for community service groups. She has been a registered nurse for 27 years.

Kara Bandstra of Upton holds a Master's Degree in both nursing and public health from Worcester State University and University of Massachusetts respectively, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in sociology from Rhode Island College. She stated that she has been a registered nurse for over 17 years, working in institutional, community, and public health settings including disease investigation and education.

Emily Field of Marion listed a Master's Degree in nursing from Boston College in 2005 and as having attended Monash University in Victoria, Australia, where she studied community health. Field's nursing background points to extensive institutional nursing in medical, surgical, and critical care positions. She has also volunteered at local schools.

Kimberly Jerome of Rochester holds nursing licenses in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island and earned a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from UMass Dartmouth in 1993. She lists over 20 years of nursing experience, noting her work in critical care units as well as home-based, healthcare programming.

Barbara Sylvia of Dartmouth has been a private care nurse for 15 years. She earned her Bachelor's Degree

in 1989 from Rhode Island College. Sylvia graduated in 1983 from Cambridge-based Youville Hospital School, where she studied practical nursing. She also listed experience in critical care nursing, medical and surgical units, nursing homes, and psychiatric care.

Tiffany Taylor-Sullivan of Middleboro has recent experience with COVID-19 patients in hospital settings. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Curry College in 2019. She has spent most of her professional career in academia as a high school math teacher. She also lists the publication of educational textbooks as a writer and editor as professional achievements. Taylor-Sullivan graduated from Georgia State University in 2004 with a Master's Degree in education.

Jodi Moen of Sandwich has been a nurse for 12 years and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from UMass Boston. Of her nursing experience, Moen listed positions in trauma units, acute care, hospice, and home-based settings. Her professional background includes being an on-call firefighter, EMT, and animal control officer. She has studied diseases such as the West Nile virus and tick-borne pathogens through her work with animals and the public.

Lori Desmarais of Assonet is currently working as a public health nurse and has 25-years of experience in nursing. She has worked in pre-operative and post-operative positions and in pediatric private care. Desmarais is also a director in a nursing home setting where she provides staff development programming and infection control procedures. Currently in the wake of COVID-19, she is performing contact tracing and follow-up. She also listed professional positions as an EMT and as on-call firefighter. Desmarais earned a Bachelorette Degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1993.

The board hopes to make a decision in the next four weeks with input from Davis, public health nurse Amanda Stone and three Board of Health committee members, Nicolosi, Ken Dawicki, and Russell Bailey.

Stone also gave an update on Mattapoisett's COVID-19 cases, which she said stood at 21 on May 6. She said that earlier estimates on the number of people that would need to be contacted based on exposure to a confirmed case had been trimmed back. She said that all of the data being collected including symptoms related to the disease is aiding to a better understanding of the virus. When asked what the average age of local confirmed cases was, she responded, "...over fifty (years old)." Stone added that at the present time no Mattapoisett residents were in the hospital with a COVID-19 diagnosis. Of the 21 cases, she said they were all isolated at home.

Stone cautioned that as more testing was completed confirmed case numbers would rise especially for people working in the healthcare field. She also cautioned, "There are a lot of people in the community we don't know about; that's why wearing a mask is so important." Stone said that many people do not

demonstrate symptoms but are, in fact, contagious. "The puzzle is coming together," Stone stated and that in order to open up businesses and other venues it will be necessary to wear face coverings. "We won't know (the implications of opening businesses) for a while... there'll need to be administrative and environmental controls," she added.

Of case investigations, Stone said those are determined by many factors such as onset of symptoms, type of symptoms, people in close contact, movement of people that are exposed to a confirmed case, "...all that gets transferred into the database."

"Close contacts have to go into quarantine," Stone stated. "It's believed that you can get infected if you come closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with an infected person... Staying home helps reduce contact rates." She said that in workplaces it's the responsibility of the business leaders to inform employees of confirmed cases.

The Board of Health moved onto the issue of a part-time versus full-time clerk. Nicolosi said that the town administrator had asked the board to consider a part-time clerk, given revenue decreases expected due to coronavirus-related business shutdowns.

Former town administrator Mike Gagne confirmed that the plan was to ask for cutbacks from all town departments.

Staffing at the transfer station was discussed as several employees have not wanted to work during the emergency, Nicolosi said. He said members of the Highway Department have been filling in. The board discussed staggering transfer station hours to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through the summer.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Health was not scheduled at press time.

Long Arm of Law Last Resort

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Board of Health authorized Chief of Police John Garcia to issue fines and other sanctions as a last resort should the town not receive compliance with safe practices as ordered by Governor Baker with the state's reopening of golf courses over the weekend.

"It's just something to fall back on if we need to," Garcia told the board, summarizing his request during its May 8 emergency meeting.

Town Administrator Jay McGrail explained that police action is a last resort, third and last in the rears of Marion's three-step approach.

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7:30 PM The Chundria Show
8:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
8:32 PM The Cinemaniacs!

9:30 PM Gay USA

10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 16, 2020

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM Mental Health Matters
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
11:30 AM Off the Shelf
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM Let's Talk Business
4:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
4:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
5:00 PM Science 360
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Gay USA
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Sound Off
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday May 17, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice
7:46 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
8:00 AM
8:30 AM
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriels Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM
11:30 AM
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM The Art of Being Human
3:00 PM Cape Conversation
3:30 PM Lucy's World of Painting
4:00 PM The Chundria Show
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:09 PM Call to Action COVID-19
5:30 PM Books and the World
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Off the Shelf
7:00 PM The Chico and Brian Show
7:30 PM Mr. Scammer
8:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles!
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday May 18, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Mind Matters
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
11:30 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM The Chundria Show
3:00 PM Cape Conversation
3:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
4:00 PM Registers Report
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:09 PM Call to Action COVID-19
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Stop My Crisis
7:00 PM The Chico and Brian Show
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
10:00 PM Fox Robbins Report
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 19, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Recovery Fitness
8:30 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Health Talk
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:00 PM Sound Off
4:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:09 PM Call to Action COVID-19
5:32 PM Let's Talk Business
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Money Matters TV
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM The Chico and Brian Show
8:00 PM Books and the World
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Stop My Crisis
9:30 PM Gay USA
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 20, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Mind Matters
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Call to Action COVID-19
11:30 AM Health Source
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The World Fusion Show
3:30 PM Mr. Scammer
4:00 PM Books and the World
4:30 PM Arts Alive
5:00 PM The Chundria Show
5:30 PM Registers Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
7:30 PM The Chico and Brian Show
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - May 5, 2020
8:13 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 23, 2020
9:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 28, 2020
9:30 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 21, 2020
10:36 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 9, 2020
11:00 AM ORR School Committee - April 15, 2020
12:33 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 21, 2020
1:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - May 5, 2020
2:43 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 23, 2020
3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 28, 2020
4:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 21, 2020
5:06 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 9, 2020
5:30 PM ORR School Committee - April 15, 2020
7:03 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 7, 2020
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - May 5, 2020
9:13 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 23, 2020
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 28, 2020
10:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 21, 2020
11:36 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 9, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

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8:32 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 30, 2020

2020
9:30 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 23, 2020
10:31 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - May 7, 2020
11:07 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 16, 2020
11:45 AM Rochester Planning Board - April 14, 2020
1:00 PM Rochester Planning Board - April 28, 2020
1:43 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 21, 2020
3:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - May 5, 2020
4:32 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 30, 2020
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 23, 2020
6:31 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - May 7, 2020
7:07 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 16, 2020
7:45 PM Rochester Planning Board - April 14, 2020
9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board - April 28, 2020
9:43 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 21, 2020
11:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - May 5, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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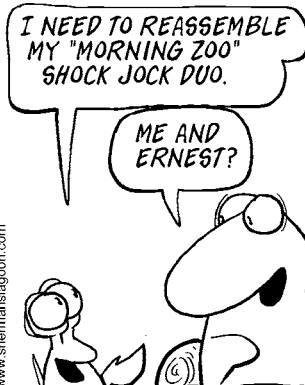
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Rossini, Reed, Raum Concert
9:00 AM Mattapoisett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke
10:07 AM Coronavirus PSA
10:30 AM ORR FORM Choral Concert - March 10, 2020
11:30 AM Call to Action COVID-19
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
1:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Rossini, Reed, Raum Concert
3:00 PM ORR FORM Choral Concert - March 10, 2020
4:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
4:51 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers Presentation
6:03 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
7:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers Presentation
8:09 PM Marion Art Center - John Magnan Presentation
9:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Rossini, Reed, Raum Concert
10:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



attention to the state's orders and the town's requests, Marion will ask its police department to intervene.

Garcia said the outline follows along with plans being put in place across the state, "which is fantastic," he said.

A motion passed, as the Board of Health moved that Marion authorize the police to enforce the governor's May 6 order regarding the wearing of masks where social distancing is not possible and any other related order in scope and purpose not limited to the authorization to issue fines. Town Counsel Jon Witten advised the town administrator's office to file the motion with the town clerk.

"This is a last resort. We're looking to work with people... we're feeling like we need a last resort if people don't adhere," said McGrail.

In keeping with the board's approval of a motion in its May 5 meeting that it shares with the public all of the town's COVID-19 cases and not just the number of active cases, it was posted on May 7 on the town's website, marionma.gov, that there are three confirmed cases and five others who have recovered.

Water Quality Management Grant Questioned

MRV Water Committee & Commission

By Matthew Donato

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee and the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission met for a dual, group meeting over the Zoom video conferencing platform on May 12.

The committee and commission, consisting of members from Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, met to tackle the meeting's large agenda while continuing to combat the unique challenges of remote-access meetings.

In his treasurer's report to the committee, David Pierce reported the income for the current fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2019), including the addition of \$443.29 in bank interest. Pierce noted invoices to be paid totaling \$13,499. After the conclusion of treasury reports, the committee voted to pay all outstanding invoices, including an invoice for Tata and Howard that amounted to \$11,919 of the total payments due.

Jon Gregory provided updates to the committee regarding the purchase of a Hach-brand water-testing instrument. The meter was successfully delivered and steps to begin training with the device have begun.

"The Snow's Pond Association has been doing online training through webinars," said Laurell Farinon. "This particular unit has the ability to add additional probes for depth, pH, temperature, and dissolved oxygen."

Gregory continued by following-up on a potential Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection grant that offers \$200,000 to fund district water quality

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assessments. The possibility of attaining the grant, which is predicated on a strict set of conditions, was ultimately questioned by the committee. The grant is primarily distributed for water quality assessments to expand on the DEP's existing database of water quality. "Snow's Pond is a private pond that does not really fall into the DEP's guidelines," said Gregory.

Gregory also noted that the application for the grant would be costly and time-consuming. The process involves a detailed statement of the problem, a quality assurance project plan, and the inclusion of minority and women-owned business in the contracting plan. After a review of the necessary requirements, the committee concluded that the cost of application could amount to



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OBITUARIES



Alton Truman Terrell, III, 91, of Marion passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday April 28, 2020. He was the husband of Mary MacArthur Terrell.

Born in Orange, Connecticut, the son of the late Alton Truman Terrell, Jr. and Elizabeth Clark Woodruff Terrell, he lived in Kennebunkport Maine before moving to Marion in 2002.

Truman was the President of Travel Washer truck washing. He was also involved in sales and owned a car wash as well.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Marion. He had been a piano player for the past 87 years, beginning at the age of 4. He played the piano at his church, nursing homes, as well as area restaurants and country clubs.

After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946.

He is survived by his wife Mary; his children, Michael, Peter, Truman, John, and Elizabeth; his sisters, Mary and Katherine; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Due to current restrictions on public gatherings, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Maude Ann (Nye) Adams, 84, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 at Tremont Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in Wareham. She was the wife of the late Carlton Adams.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Ichabod and Florence (Parker) Nye, she was raised in Marion. She resided in Assonet for many years and returned to Marion later in life. She was a graduate of Wareham High School, class of 1953.

Maude was an avid reader, loved to crochet and do jigsaw puzzles. As was her loving nature, she was a special caretaker who babysat many children in the family and the neighborhood through the years. By many, she was lovingly referred to as "Nan".

She is survived by her daughter, Maureen Corrieri and her husband Robert of Marion; her son, Robert Adams, Sr. and his wife Theresa of Assonet; five grandchildren, Coreen Veloso and her husband Joshua of Marion, William Menard, Jr. and his wife Justina of Wareham, Rachel Adams of Taunton, Robert Adams, Jr. of Assonet and Zachary Adams of Assonet; two great grandchildren, Deryn Veloso of Marion and Oliver Menard of Wareham; two brothers, I. Harry Nye, Jr. and his wife Ann of Marion and James Nye and his wife

Cheryl of Fairhaven; sisters-in-law Rosalind Nye and Patricia Nye both of Marion; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by six siblings: Eleanor Gibbs, Emma Bennett, Florence Bessette, Nathan Nye, George Nye, and Thomas Nye.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Marion, 28 Main St., Marion, MA 02738 or the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090.

At the present time, funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. For online tributes, please visit: www.rock-funeralhome.com



William Edward Schuler, 42 of Fairhaven passed away peacefully Thursday May 7, 2020 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital.

Born in New Bedford, Bill grew up in South Dartmouth with his mother, Mary Lou (Brown) Schuler and his sister, Carolyn. Bill graduated from Bishop Stang and Roger Williams University. He was formerly employed by New Bedford Public Schools where he enjoyed teaching Computer Technology at Roosevelt Middle and Hayden-McFadden schools. Most recently he worked for the Westport Public Schools. Billy was happiest when he was spending time with his family and helping so many with their computer problems. Survivors include his mother, Mary Lou Schuler and her husband Paul Souza of Mattapoisett; his sister Carolyn and her husband Chady Nassar, Bill's niece Clara, and nephews Caden and Christoph. Bill's uncles include Rick and Jean Brown, Robert and Nancy Brown, Ralph and Donna Brown, Paul and Cheryl Brown.

He was the grandson of the late Richard J and Mary E Brown.

Remembrances in his name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Funeral services will be private for the immediate family; a Celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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\$7,000.

The potential cost of the application and no guarantee of successfully meeting the required conditions dissuaded the board members. The committee concluded that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection grant should not be pursued at this time.

"I don't think this is the right route to go for at this time. It's something we should investigate further next year or the year after," said Farinon.

With the business of the grant concluded, the committee spoke on the proposed solar array projects on Featherbed Lane and Snipatuit Road in Rochester. A subcommittee working to review those plans explained that they were only extensions of past projects. With that, the conservation committees expressed satisfaction with the current proposals and the delineation of current buffer zones.

The committee voted to approve both projects provided they adhere to the stipulations set forth by the Rochester Conservation Commission.

In more light-hearted matters, the committee went on to discuss the farewell party for retiring members. The party was previously scheduled for June 18 at 6:00 pm, but after discussion, the committee decided to postpone the farewell party with no new proposed date. This decision came after Pierce advised a delay to the party due to the current COVID-19 crisis.

In a discussion with the commission, Rick



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Charron questioned why the signs posted around Snipatuit Pond warning about potential mercury were not also placed around ponds in the nearby area. Member Sandy Geese agreed and added that signs warning about the consumption of fish from the ponds should also be placed around the area.

Gregory provided further reports to the commission pertaining to the Tata and Howard risk and resilient assessment due to the Environmental Protection Agency in June 2021. Gregory recommended that the commission begin as soon as July in order to ensure that the workload is spread out effectively.

Member Henri Renaud submitted a report that clarified that the Mattapoisett River Valley Water



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Treatment Plant is running as intended. This came after a reported overflow of the plant on April 4. Renauld's report indicates that the plant is currently being closely monitored for further problems.

The commission's final topic of agenda dealt with the forthcoming reorganization of the group that will take place after the retirement of Chairman Pierce. Vice Chairman Vinnie Furtado will inherit the role currently held by Pierce. That change in position will leave the vice chairman role unfilled on the commission. The topic of new vice chairman will be addressed in future meetings.

The next meeting of the Water District Commission is scheduled for June 9 and will likely be held remotely over the Zoom video conferencing platform.

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To the Editor:

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MOVIE REVIEW

Haunted

By Rob Gonsalves
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Shirley. Starring Elisabeth Moss and Michael Stuhlbarg. Directed by Josephine Decker. Running time: 107 minutes. MPAA rating: R. On streaming services beginning June 5.

The stories of Shirley Jackson (1916-1965) are enjoying a bit of a fresh wash and airing out lately, what with recent treatments of *The Haunting of Hill House*, *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*, and (on deck) “The Lottery.” So it’s not surprising that the experimental/instinctive filmmaker Josephine Decker (*Madeline’s Madeline*) got the go-ahead to make a movie about Jackson. Given Decker’s involvement, it also shouldn’t be surprising that the result, *Shirley*, turns out to be an elliptical riff on the themes that Jackson’s life and work open up; it’s far from a standard biopic. Decker and screenwriter Sarah Gubbins, adapting a novel by Susan Scarf Merrell, approach Jackson as an avatar of misunderstood, squelched female creativity at a time that didn’t value or encourage it. (Trying to square the film’s hazy timeline with the real events isn’t useful; we’ll say the film is set in the early ‘50s.)

Shirley (Elisabeth Moss) is beating her head against an inchoate novel she’s trying to find her way into writing, which eventually became 1951’s *Hangsamen*, loosely based on the disappearance of a local college girl. At first, the anguished Moss as the depressed, blocked Shirley seems like typecasting, and I wished anew that Moss weren’t shaping up to be the next Christian Bale, miserable and self-crucifying forever. But Moss finds pockets of wit and even giddy pixellated fun in Shirley’s antisocial moods and games. (The agoraphobic Jackson had no problem with social distancing.) Moss’s Shirley has a kind of mischievous though maliceless curiosity about the world around her. Much of it she sees through the prism of men’s betrayal of women and all its forms — her husband, Stanley Edgar Hyman (a twinkly caricature of ebullient mansplaining by Michael Stuhlbarg), beds down with legions of his female students.

Into this miasma of spoken and unspoken psychic violence drift a fictional couple — Fred and Rose Nemser (Logan Lerman and Odessa Young). Fred will be interning with Professor Hyman, and Rose will be doing some cooking and cleaning, because Stanley and



Shirley don’t. Shirley and the pregnant Rose develop a complicated rapport based on shared feelings of being overlooked, underestimated, vilified. (The movie reminds us that Jackson’s famous story “The Lottery” sparked as much loathing as love; the script unfolds sometime after the heated response has more or less flattened and blocked Jackson.) The unknown fate of the missing Paula Jean Welden haunts Shirley — she recognizes that she, too, is lost, and she has visions of Rose as Paula enacting self-abnegating psychodramas, literally squirming in the soil. Paula/Rose/Shirley become a triptych of fear of female erasure. Through all this, Decker’s filmmaking is quiet, diffuse, questioning yet assured. The camera floats between the characters, gets up close, breathes along with them. The film toys with the idea of a tryst between Rose and Shirley, then withdraws it. Sex is too physical for what’s really going on here, a sort of meditation on the female oversoul in the ‘50s.

I told you this wasn’t a typical biopic. And some of it plays better in memory than it may when you watch it — a few of the scenes are awkward bordering on cringeworthy, not out of ineptitude but by design. Decker wants us to feel what her characters feel, and a lot of the conflict has to do with the manners and mores of the day. Moss and Stuhlbarg dig into each other’s soft spots so masterfully it’s sometimes easy to forget Odessa Young and especially Logan Lerman are even there. But the movie isn’t really about the male-female war. What Decker (and Jackson before her) understand is that women’s inner lives could be dark and twisted (sometimes beautifully so) even without men. Add the creative urge to that mix and the test tube might explode in your hand. Despite its egghead premise and milieu, *Shirley* isn’t a hostile art object. Unexpected warm breezes of intimacy waft through it. At heart it’s a fantasy about a crank, misanthrope and artist who crosses paths with a muse and sees her artistic life project laid out before her. It tells her to speak for the haunted and silent.



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The oldest home in this area is the late Georgian residence at 429 Front Street. The earliest known inhabitants of this house were members of the Hammett family. Mrs. H. Hammett lived here in 1855. By 1879,

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 Tuesday, **May 19:** Shepherd's pie, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, brownie, diet: graham wafer
 Wednesday, **May 20:** Roast pork with apple gravy, parslied mashed potatoes, winter squash, oatmeal bread, pears
 Thursday, **May 21:** Greek meatballs, penne pasta, peas and mushrooms, multigrain bread, Mandarin oranges
 Friday, **May 22:** White chili with chicken, rice, snowflake roll, pineapple

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- Replace old clasps
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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights May 3-May 9

- Point Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Parking enforcement
- Delano Rd – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- River Rd – Parking enforcement
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Planting Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- Delano Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – 911 abandoned
- Delano Rd – General offense
- Zora Rd – Parking enforcement
- Hastings Rd – General service
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- South St – Road hazard
- Quail's Crossing Rd - Fraud
- Washburn Ln – Suspicious activity
- Cove's End Rd – Health/welfare
- Planting Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd – Parking enforcement
- Holly Rd – Civil complaint
- Derby Ln – Paper service
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Water St – Lost property

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights May 3-May 9

- Acushnet Rd – Road hazard
- Tara Rd – Gunshots reported
- Hunters Ln – PI check in
- Pico Beach Rd - Complaint
- Neds Point Rd - Vandalism
- County Rd – Property lost
- North St – 911 abandoned
- West Hill Rd – Property lost
- Marina Dr – Assist citizen
- Goodspeed Island - Vandalism
- County Rd - Vandalism
- Whalers Way – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Main St – MV crash
- Zora Rd – Harassment order
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Whalers Way – Restraining order
- County Rd – 911 call
- Hammond St - Disturbance
- North St – Parking complaint
- Mechanic St – MV crash
- Brandt Island Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Goodspeed Island - Complaint
- Randall Rd – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Main St – Suspicious person
- Bayberry Ln – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations

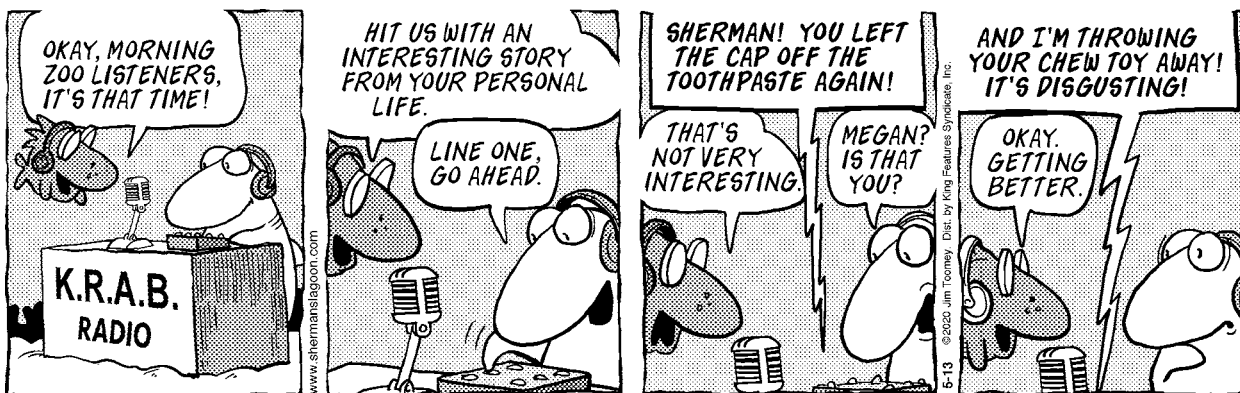
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Log highlights May 3-May 9

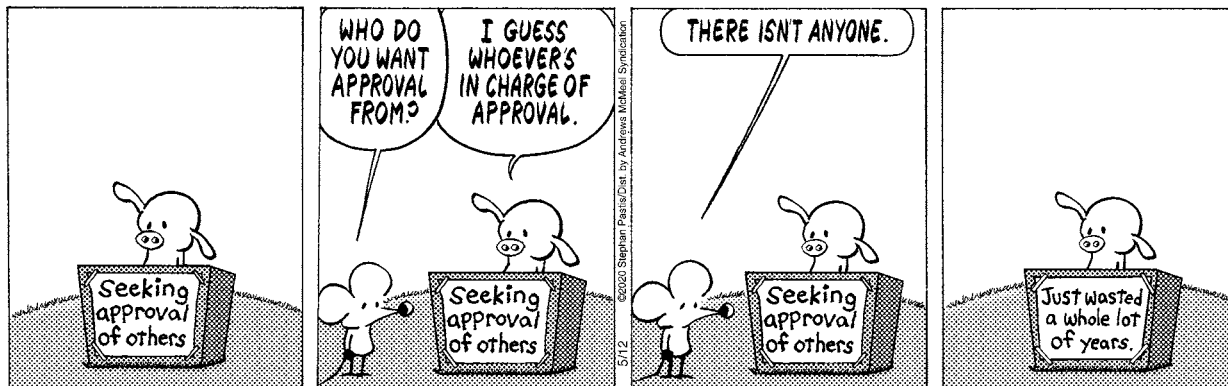
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious MV
- Hartley Rd – Medical emergency
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Erratic operation
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – investigation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Medical emergency
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- Bradford Ln – Assist citizen
- Pierce St - Investigation
- Mendell Rd – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/arrest
- High St - MV accident
- Pierce St – MV accident
- Mayflower Ln – Medical emergency
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Medical
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious MV
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Medical
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Medical
- Neck Rd – Medical emergency
- New Bedford Rd – Missing person
- Snipatuit Rd – Medical emergency
- Cushman Rd – Animal control

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



School Lunches Available

Old Rochester Regional is continuing to provide meals for all children, ages 0-18, during school closure. These meals are free and can be found at the following meal site locations: ORR High School, Center School, Sippican Elementary, Rochester Memorial. Meals are available Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meals include free breakfast and lunch for each child.

Historical Commission receives State Grant

The Marion Historical Commission has been selected to receive a Survey and Planning Grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission in its statewide 2020 grant cycle.

The matching grant of \$15,000 will be matched by local funds offered by the Sippican Historical Society. The funds will be used by the local commission to hire a historic preservation consultant to continue the ongoing process of inventorying all of Marion's historic and cultural resources. This is the first step in the Commission's efforts to update and expand the current inventory to current State standards for a comprehensive, digitized, easily-accessible database for local preservation planning and education.

The Marion Historical Commission, with the Town's adoption of MA General Laws Part I Title VII Chapter 40 Section 8D, was established in the 1990s for the primary purpose of identifying and protecting the Town's historic resources. This includes buildings, structures, objects and sites of national, state, or local significance based on an understanding of their historic, architectural, and/or archeological importance.

The primary responsibility of the Marion Historical Commission is to coordinate all community-wide historic preservation planning on behalf of the Town. This includes educating the public about the identification of historic resources and the importance of preserving and protecting such resources. The Commission also serves as a public advocate to advise the Select Board and other local agencies regarding matters of preservation, protection, and redevelopment of historic buildings, structures, and sites which may be under consideration by said boards.

The Marion Historical Commission has also sought 2020 funding through the Community Preservation Act for subsequent phases of the inventory process, a process which generally takes 3-5 years. The Community Preservation Commission has supported this application for \$25,000, which now requires Town Meeting approval. Members of the Commission would be most appreciative of a community-wide vote for approval of the CPA funds at the August session of Town Meeting.

Mattapoisett Annual Town Election Information

The Board of Selectmen has voted to reschedule



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the Annual Town Election to Tuesday, **June 16**. The polls will be open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School. Because of the COVID19 pandemic, the rules regarding absentee voting have been relaxed. Voters concerned about the public health situation can cite that as a reason to request an absentee ballot for the Annual Town Election. If you would like to request an absentee ballot visit: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf

Once you print and sign the form, it must be returned to the Clerk's Office. Once you have requested, marked, and returned your ballot it will be counted on election day by poll workers. Please submit your request early to ensure that we receive it back before the polls



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20 "Speak up!"
21 Ark captain
22 Chipotle item
23 "Great job, play more!"
25 Be sweet on
26 Wilson of film
27 One half of a 45
28 Eat
29 Stingy type
30 Get a B, e.g.
31 Mauna —
33 Sharp rise in new findings?
36 Napoleon's birthplace
40 Gem, e.g.
41 Writer — Jackson Braun
42 — out (supplement)
43 Ice melter
45 — word (coinage for one occasion)
48 Throbs
49 Perpetual pampering?

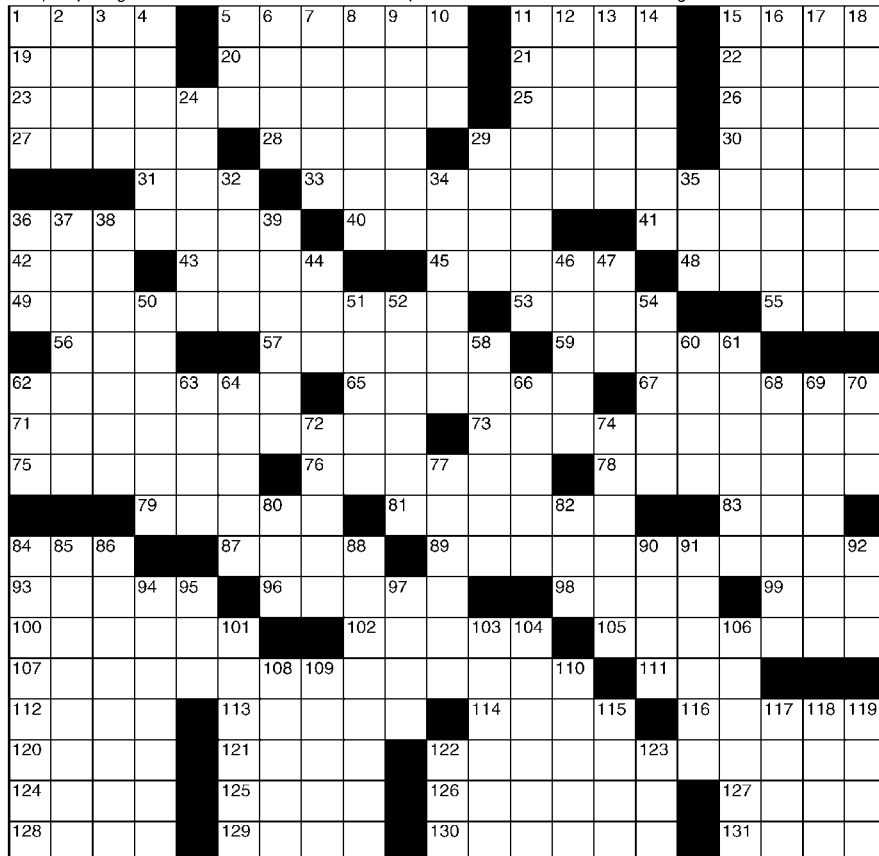
53 Country singer Evans
55 Born, to Gigi
56 Gridiron gp.
57 Repulsive
59 Fiennes or Macchio
62 Fishermen, often
65 "Hear No Evil" star
67 Really move on the dance floor
71 Round of applause all for oneself?
73 Company symbol on a container of breathing gas?
75 Capital of Croatia
76 Scrape the bottom of
78 Flushes
79 Antipasto bit
81 Loved by
83 "— Beso" (1962 hit)
84 56-Across stats
87 Old phone part
89 Distinctive feature of blasting material?

93 Is on hold, say
96 Spanish for "silver"
98 Draft-eligible
99 Item in a pod
100 Congenital
102 Bands of three
105 Most morose
107 Quaint theater where everyone hung out?
111 Post-it note abbr.
112 Soccer immortal
113 Change formally
114 Slugger Willie
116 Evade artfully
120 "Woe is me"
121 — de foie gras
122 Alternate title for this puzzle
124 Madison Avenue prize
125 Hens and cows
126 Bright-shining
127 Appellation
128 Composer Jerome
129 Acoustic pair

130 Pint-size
131 Otherwise
DOWN
1 Small lies
2 Actress
3 Just slightly
4 Judges' mallets
5 Bar drink
6 Cherished
7 Intelligible
8 Hunky guy
9 Most scant
10 Before, to Kipling
11 Spices up
12 Idaho city
13 Cake creator
14 Singer Crow
15 Cork up, as a bottle
16 Maui native
17 Emulate Tara Lipinski
18 "Baloney!"
24 Certain woodwind player
29 Early hi-fi format
32 Berry rich in antioxidants
34 See eye to eye (with)
35 Sis, say
36 Frame of a cartoon
37 Japanese island

38 Calling the shots
39 Nearly
44 WJM anchor
46 Pop singer
47 Chunk of history
50 Animal at "una corrida"
51 East — (Asian nation)
52 Spotted, as money
54 Playwright Edward
58 Ad catchphrase
60 Little lake
61 Texas — (poker game)
62 Singer Scaggs
63 Stunt legend
64 Very zealous
66 Put out
68 Freaks out
69 Tunes out
70 Canon — Rebel
72 Best possible
74 Bad-pun responses
77 Keep waiting
80 Mr. Big

82 However, briefly
84 Pair of identical products sold as a unit
85 Writer Steel
86 "Babbitt" author Lewis
88 White
90 Tree flutterer
91 New royal of 1981
92 Kit —
94 Confronts
95 Canonized Fr. woman
97 Walked (on)
101 Slip away
103 Electrical resistance measure
104 Subject to legal action
106 Singer
109 Ward off
110 Ordinance
115 Withered
117 "You're on!"
118 Mouth parts
119 Lightish sword
122 Salary ceiling
123 Actor Bruce



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're attracted to a situation that appeals to your Bovine intellect. And that's good. But don't neglect your passionate side when romance comes calling later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships -- domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion soon will resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision you're not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid spears the Archer, for a change. Positive things also are happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat -- whether it involves a personal or a professional matter -- will learn a painful lesson. Others also will benefit from the Goat's strong example.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

This year's museum exhibit highlights notable people of Rochester, both past and present. One such person was Abraham Holmes, born in 1754 and a lifelong Rochester resident. Holmes was a lawyer, Justice of the Peace, Representative to the General Court, and one of Rochester's Town Clerks. He also ran the 1700s equivalent of a law school where many young men became lawyers after "reading" and working in his law office in Rochester Center.

Even with all these accomplishments, what has mostly kept his name alive are his memoirs which he entitled; "Historical Sketches" and which he completed in 1836 when he was in his 83rd year. These memoirs which the Historical Society is lucky to have in their possession cover history of the times with much about the Revolutionary War and its aftermath, but also much about the people and events of Rochester.

One section entitled "Epidemics" has a particular impact at this time. He writes about two serious epidemics, one occurring in 1816 and the second beginning in 1831. The first he recalls as having ravaged the town, with 1/50th of the population dying. This disorder which was unknown to both the victims and the area doctors who treated them, afflicted the healthy



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and "robust" while leaving the "delicate and sedentary" untouched. He writes, "The doctors were totally ignorant of what to do and generally did more harm than good." Finally, Esq. Ruggles went to Boston and found Dr. Mann who was "acquainted with the disorder". With his treatments, the disease abated and was finally gone. Holmes adds that it was not contagious, but still caused a "suspension of business." He personally lost more than \$1,000 of business: "\$600 from two students, about \$300 from one man's dying and \$50 by another's" as well as a general loss of business.

In 1831, a new disorder broke out and its story has eerie parallels to today. The disease broke out in the eastern part of the world and then spread to ravage

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



(Left) Photo by Deb Silva

(Right) Cherry Blossoms in full bloom in Mattapoisett by Robert Ball



Evening reflections of Ned's Point by Robert Ball



Jennifer Shepley shared this great flower photo



(Above) Osprey at Point Connett by Ellen Scholter

(Left) Orioles arrive in Mattapoisett by Robert Ball

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western Asia and Europe and then Africa. He states, "Its progress and effects were dreadful. More than half of those who were attacked fell victim to its ferocity: its effects were sudden; it generally proved fatal in two or three days and sometimes in less than one".

For a while, the Atlantic Ocean seemed to block its spread, but by the summer of 1832, it struck Quebec and Montreal and then moved onto New York. He says that some wanted to blame the spread on "emigrants" to Canada, but this was disproved as the disease preceded their arrival. This quote from his account truly resonates. "It next made its appearance in the northerly part of the state of New York at Plattsburg. It was not long before it was in the Cities of New York and Albany. In New York its ravages were dreadful, thousands and thousands were swept away. No place in America has suffered as much as that city".

He goes on to say that the alarm through the entire country is great and everywhere, "Health Committees were formed and Quarantine Boundaries are established". There were many rumors as to the cause of the epidemic. "Some think there is a strange quality in the water or that the easterly wind has impregnated the western atmosphere with the seeds of the disease."

The disease was eventually identified as cholera and in time was brought under control. Fortunately, there were few cases in the Wareham and Rochester towns.

Reading all this makes me realize again that the saying "history repeats itself" is much more than a cliché.

Elks Student of the Month



The Elks of Wareham/New Bedford Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service,



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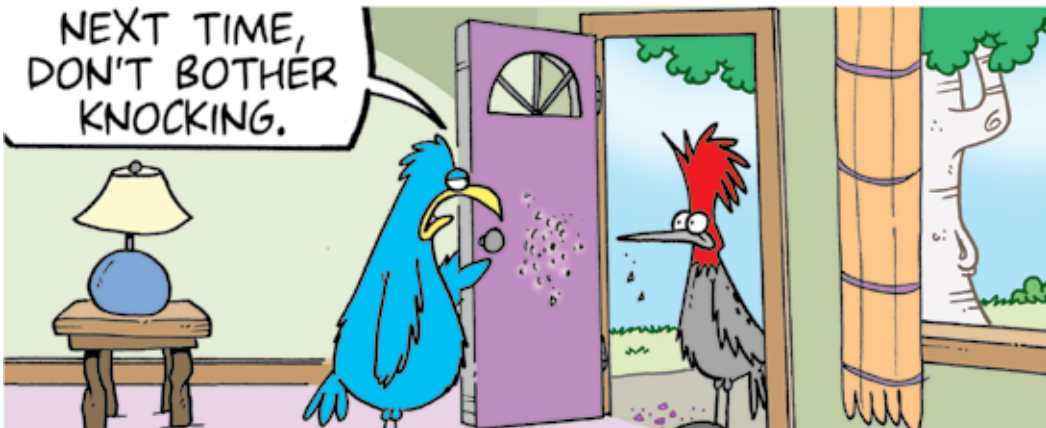
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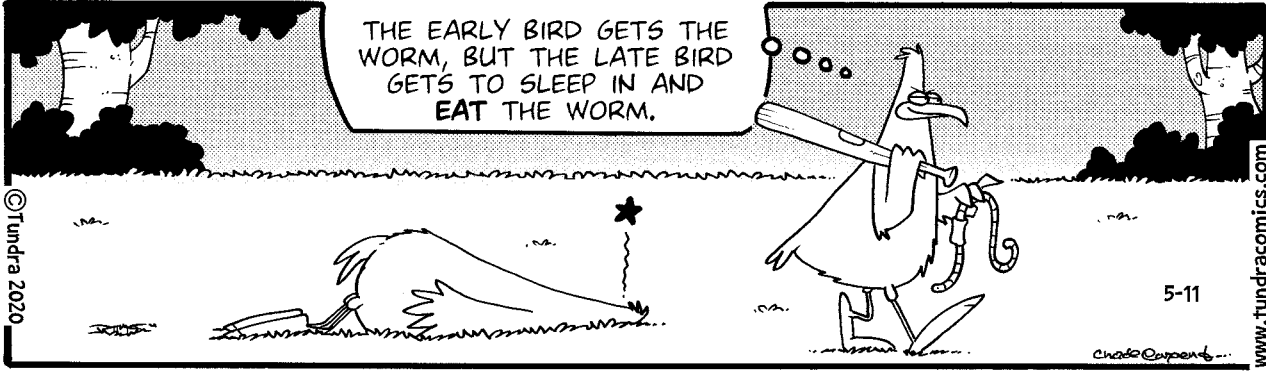
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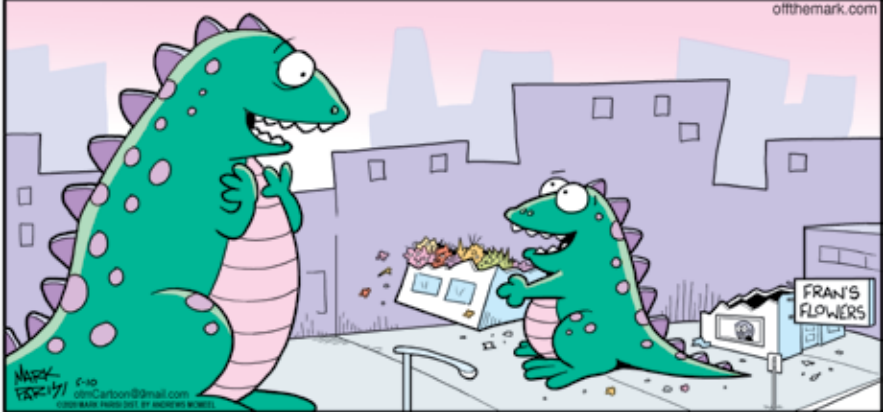
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industry, and farming.

We congratulate Senior **Brianna Lynch** of Mattapoisett for being selected as Student of the Month for March by the Old Rochester Regional High School Faculty and Staff.

Harbor Days Update

Mattapoisett Lions Club's Board of Directors held a virtual meeting on May 6 to discuss several options related to the annual Harbor Days events currently scheduled for July 12 through 19. These dates include the Triathlon on July 12 and all events up to and including Harbor Days weekend ending July 19.

The Board voted to make a final decision following Governor Charlie Baker's May 18, 2020 report on re-opening the economy. The Board will reconvene virtually on May 19, 2020 to vote on whether Harbor Days 2020 will be canceled or postponed to a later date (if possible). The decision will be posted on all social media platforms on May 20, 2020.

If you are a confirmed 2020 vendor and have specific questions, please contact Helene at: mattapoisetharbordays@gmail.com

We appreciate everyone's understanding as we consider the safety and well-being of all during this challenging time.

Mattapoisett Road Race Goes Virtual 2020

Although there will be no in-person race this year, the Mattapoisett Road Race committee encourages you to get out and exercise while supporting the class of 2020. Funds raised by the road race normally go towards members of the graduating class as stipends for college. We would like to continue supporting the seniors this year, especially with all of the current uncertainty caused by COVID-19. That is why we will be hosting a virtual road race! Participants can register online, and then run five miles between **June 26** and **July 2**. The five miles can be run at any location you like. The registration donation fee will be \$25. If you sign up by June 1 and would like a Mattapoisett Road Race t-shirt, you can pay an extra \$10, and it will be mailed to you. Please take a photo of yourself during the run and we will put it on the website. To register or learn more information, please visit our website at <http://www.mattapoisettroadrace.com/>

ORCTV Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community TV will hold its annual meeting via Zoom at 5:30 pm on Thursday **June 25**. The annual meeting will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. The nominees for 2020 are:

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Danny White – Mattapoisett seat

Elaine Botelho – Membership seat

Linda Medeiros – Rochester seat

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| <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00PM</p> <p>***NOTE*** REMOTE MEETING ON 05/21/2020 WILL START AT 5:00pm. *****</p> <p>Case #1444: Application of: Maureen L. St. Armand, 20 Crook's Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE: 20 Crook's Way. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under section 5.1.5.4.5.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to transfer ownership of a family related apartment to the new homeowner. The property is further described as Plot 19, Lot 63, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2020.</p> <p>Case #1445: Petition of: Charles H. & Karen Dupont, P.O. Box 375, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE: Prospect and Pine Island Road. The applicant is seeking a Petition for a Variance as stated in section 6.5 of By-Law and as provided by Section 7.2.3. of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to construct a 2,600 square foot single family home under grandfathered setbacks. The property is further described as Plot 5, Lot 116, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2020.</p> <p>Case #1446: Application of: John J Grant Jr., 105 Lyman Road, Milton MA 02186; RE: 5 North Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish and rebuild a single-family home in conformance with flood zone requirements. The property is further described as Plot 4, Lot 173, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2020.</p> <p>Case #1447: Application of: Gregory and Patricia A Butterfield, 4 Waterview Lane, Mattapoisett MA 02739; RE: 4 Waterview Lane. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 5.1.5.4 thru 5.0.5.4.7 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a family related apartment. The property is further described as Plot 2, Lot 160H, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2020.</p> <p>Case #1448: Application of: Paul R. Frisco, 20 Brownfield Drive, Bridgewater MA 02324; RE: 9 Second Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 5154 and 51547 as provided by Section 7.2.2.2 thru 7.2.2.2.7 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a family related apartment on the second floor of a proposed second story garage. The property is further described as Plot 2A, Lot 118, on the Assessors map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2020.</p> <p>Due to restrictions on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will NOT be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting</p> | <p>please use the following log in information. GO TO MEETING Please call in to this phone number: 712-770-3668. Access code: 767817#</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Akin, Chairperson Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 5/7, 5/14</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82719231951 or CALL 1 646 876 9923 Zoom Meeting ID: 827 1923 1951</p> <p>An Open Hearing of the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Special Permit Application for a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array, filed Greg Carey of Rochester MA 4, LLC c/o Clean Energy, 27B Midstate Drive Suite 106, Auburn, MA 01501, for property located at Sarah Sherman Road, designated as Lot 8C, Lot 8L and 13 on Rochester Assessors Map 28.</p> <p>The applicant proposes to install a large scale ground mounted photovoltaic solar array on portions of Assessor's Map 28 Lot 8C and an access drive through portions of Map 28 Lot 13 and 8L off of Sarah Sherman Road.</p> <p>The applicant's representative is Evan Watson of Prime Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 1088, Lakeville, MA 02347. The property owner of record is William Souza, 139 Sarah Sherman Road, Rochester, MA 02770.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/7, 5/14</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82719231951 or CALL 1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 827 1923 1951</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a Remote Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom to consider to amend the Rochester Zoning By-laws, Section 21.10 Section 2, formerly Section VII.2, regarding the approval of new flood maps.</p> <p>A copy of the full text of the warrant articles and maps can be viewed in the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours, or downloaded from the Town's website at https://www.townofrochestermass.com/</p> <p>Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated above, or send written comments prior to the hearing to the Rochester Planning Board at 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/7, 5/14</p> | <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82719231951 or CALL 1 646 876 9923 Zoom Meeting ID: 827 1923 1951</p> <p>An Open Hearing of the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Special Permit Application for a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array within the Residential/Agricultural District, filed by Featherbed Lane South Solar, LLC, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772, for property located at 0 Featherbed Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lots 24 on Assessor's Map 46</p> <p>The proposed project includes the installation of a large-scale ground-mounted solar array and associated access road, perimeter fence, storm water management systems, and grading located in the residential/agricultural district.</p> <p>The property owner of record is Judith Dupont, 123 Rounseville Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant's representative is Eric Las, Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/7, 5/14</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W20-5734 Indian Cove Trust NOTIFICATION DATE: May 19, 2020</p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Indian Cove Trust to maintain existing stone revetments, gangway and floats at 106 Indian Cove Road, in the municipalities of Marion and Mattapoisett in and over flowed tidelands of Stony Brook. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 5/14</p> |

Buzzards Bay Swim Canceled

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has announced that the 2020 Buzzards Bay Swim will be canceled due to the unprecedented and still-evolving conditions presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The health and well-being of our participants, volunteers, emergency personnel, staff, and our community is our top priority," Coalition President Mark Rasmussen said in a message to this year's swimmers. "Under the current circumstances, and based upon the guidance of public health officials, we concluded that this year's event cannot take place safely.

The event, which has been run annually since 1993, brings hundreds of participants to New Bedford each June to swim across New Bedford Harbor to Fort Phoenix State Park in Fairhaven, where the event ends with a beach party brunch. Last year's event raised more than \$187,000 to support education, conservation, water quality monitoring, and advocacy work.

"I'm sure that you share our disappointment in this year's cancellation of the swim, but I hope you take solace in the fact that your early fundraising has already contributed more than \$25,000 to sustain Bay protection efforts," Rasmussen told swimmers. "In the current environment, those funds are more critical than ever to continuing our water quality monitoring, land conservation, public education, and clean water advocacy work."

The Coalition has other events planned later this summer and fall. The organization will field a team of runners for the Falmouth Road Race, which will be held as a "virtual" run on **August 16, 2020**. And on Sunday, **October 4**, the Coalition will host the Watershed Ride—an event in which cyclists ride one of three overlapping courses, the longest of which stretches 100 miles from Sakonnet Point to Woods Hole.

Registered swimmers have multiple options

due to the cancelation, including deferring registration until the 2021 swim or transferring their registration to participate in the upcoming Watershed Ride. Full details are included in the memo to registrants.

Bishop Stang High Call for Nominations

This October, Bishop Stang High School will induct its next class into the Hall of Honors and seeks nominations through June 15, 2020. The Hall of Honors recognizes and honors those alumni, faculty, staff, and friends who have left an enduring legacy for Bishop Stang High School and/or excelled in their careers and personal lives.

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New Mattapoissett Land Trust Story Walk

The Mattapoissett Land Trust has opened a new story walk at Dunseith Park located at the corner of Route 6 and North Street. This latest installation meanders through the three-acre park, which includes a stream and stonewall features along with its well-groomed trail system.

The book that will be featured is titled *Goodnight Spaceman* and it is authored by Michelle Robinson and artist Nick East. It is one in a series of "Goodnight" books Robinson has written. This one asks the viewer to imagine being on the Spaceship Earth and all the marvelous mysteries of space that surrounds us. There are 32 panels stationed around the park in a beginning to end

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| <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT</p> <p>The Mattapoissett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 5 on Thursday May 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. via remote meeting on the following proposed amendment to the Mattapoissett Zoning Bylaw:</p> <p>Amendment of Article 8, Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas, Section 8.2.1, as set forth below, with text to be inserted shown in bold and text to be deleted shown in strikethrough to correct errors in the section and to update the panel dates and suffixes.</p> <p>"The Floodplain District is herein established as an Overlay District. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Mattapoissett designated as Zone A, AE, or VE on the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the adminis-</p> | <p>tration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Plymouth County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Mattapoissett are panel numbers 25023C0553JK, 25023C0554JK, 25023C0558JK, 25023C0561JK, 25023C0562JK with an Effective Date of July 22, 2020, 25023C0563J with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012, 25023C0564J, 25023C0566JK, 25023C0567JL with an Effective Date of July 22, 2020, 25023C0569J, 25023C0627J, and 25023C0650J with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012, and panel numbers 25023C0564K, 25023C0567K and 25023C0568K with an Effective date of February 5, 2014. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM Maps and further defined by the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report with an Effective Date of July 17, 2012. The FIRM and FIS Report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board,</p> | <p>Building Official, Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen's Office."</p> <p>REMOTE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/538258277</p> <p>You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3212</p> <p>Access Code: 538-258-277</p> <p>New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/538258277</p> <p>Mattapoissett Planning Board Thomas M. Tucker, Chairman Publication Dates: 5/7, 5/14</p> |

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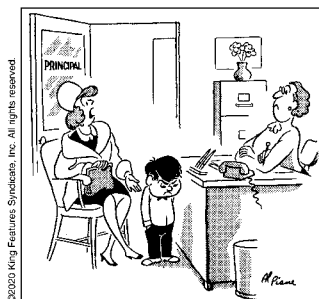
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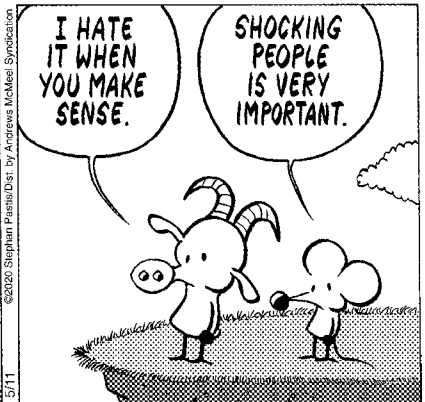
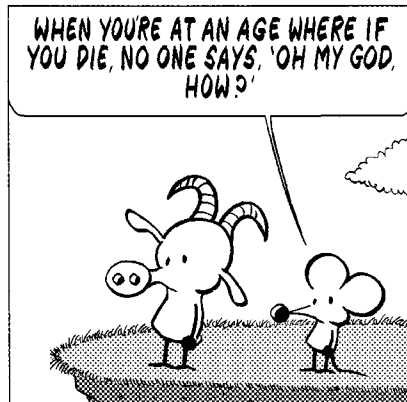
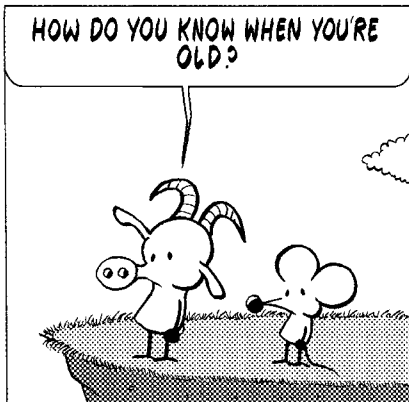
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| Alec R. Andrews | May 15 |
| Bennett Cantwell | May 15 |
| Dillon Furtado | May 15 |
| Hunter Gibbs | May 15 |
| James Pitts | May 15 |
| Janet Scott | May 15 |
| Jim Czerkowicz | May 16 |
| Jonah Fouser | May 16 |
| June Quintin | May 16 |
| Roy R. Andrews | May 16 |
| Ben Fearing | May 17 |
| Ethel Howard | May 17 |
| Adrianna Wright | May 18 |
| Bree Marie LeFavor | May 18 |
| Corvina Silva | May 18 |
| Natali McGrath | May 18 |
| David Ditata Jr. | May 19 |
| Grace Alford | May 19 |
| Kayla Souza | May 19 |
| Louie Rezendes | May 19 |
| Olivia George | May 19 |
| Stephen Sadeck | May 19 |
| Zachary Rogers | May 19 |
| Catherine Vaitses | May 20 |
| Christopher Luebke | May 20 |
| Erick Dawson | May 20 |
| Molly Gilbert | May 20 |
| Sophia Goodman | May 20 |

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



WELL, THIS IS CERTAINLY THE WEIRDEST
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The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra has found new ways to bring music to our community! You can livestream an array of performances by NBSO musicians from the NBSO website or Facebook page. The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 8,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music on the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today!

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra has canceled its May 23 concert, 'The Finnish Line'. Originally the season finale, there will now be a "new" finale on Friday, **August 21**, 7:30 pm, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. "Happy Birthday, Ludwig!" is a modification of the originally scheduled April 18 and 19 concert. The new NBSO program celebrates Beethoven's 250th birthday with a performance of his Violin Concerto, featuring guest artist Vadim Gluzman, as well as Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. Tickets for the August concert are available on the NBSO website at www.nbsymphony.org.

If you are holding tickets for the originally scheduled May 23 concert, you have three options: donation, exchange, or refund. You may donate them as a tax-deductible contribution to the NBSO, exchange them for a future concert, or request a refund by emailing asmith@nbsymphony.org or calling the NBSO office at (508) 999-6276 and leaving a message. We are currently working remotely but are checking voice mail and will return your call as soon as possible.

The NBSO is developing new ways to connect with people through livestream concerts by NBSO musicians. A number of upcoming concerts can be accessed through the NBSO's website under the Events/Upcoming Events, or if you have a Facebook account, you can watch on the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra Facebook page. On the day of the concert, the post will appear at the top. Past videos are available to watch at any time on either platform. The current lineup includes the following:

Sunday, **May 17**, 4:00 pm – South Coast Chamber Music Series presents O Beautiful May with Janice Weber (piano), Emmy Holmes-Hicks (violin), Anna Griffis (viola), and Leo Eguchi (cello)

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F.H.S. Class of 1960 Reunion

In light of the COVID-19 virus which has engulfed the world, the reunion committee of the F.H.S. Class of 1960 was polled as to what should be done about the reunion. With regret, it was decided to postpone the reunion until June of 2021.

More information will be forthcoming as we plan for next year. Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair Postponed

The 44th Annual Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2020 has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021.

Because of continuing concerns about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), we plan to postpone the fair till next year's Homecoming Weekend, says Barbara Acksen, chair of the Homecoming Day Fair Committee for the Fairhaven Improvement Association, which sponsors the fair. The well-being of the general public, vendors and town employees is our number one priority. We have decided that rescheduling the fair is the only responsible course of action at this time."

She adds, "We made this decision because there is currently no clear time when the virus will be under control and safe for large-scale events."

For many years the Homecoming Day Fair has been Fairhaven's most popular annual event. In 2019 the fair included more than 175 booths featuring artists and craftsmen from all over New England, food, kids' games, fire engine rides, music and live entertainment for the entire family.

"We want to thank all the vendors, artists, Town of Fairhaven employees, and other members of the community for their ongoing support," Acksen says. "Our team will be reaching out directly to vendors and other participants with information about providing full refunds for any fees they have paid."

Acksen concludes, "We're resolved to take up in 2021 where we left off with the Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair. We're excited to reaffirm the community connections the event has encouraged in its various forms going back over 100 years."

For future information about the rescheduled event please email fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com or visit www.fairhavenimprovement.org or www.facebook.com/FairhavenImprovementAssociation.

Friends of the Mattapoissett COA

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, our spring luncheon in May will be canceled. Please know that each and every one of you are in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers. We trust that all of you are happy, healthy and safe.

Marion Beach Parking Lots to Temporarily Close

Town Administrator James McGrail and Health Director Karen Walega announce that, per order by the Marion Board of Health, the Town of Marion is closing all parking lots associated with beach parking as an additional step to encourage social distancing during COVID-19.

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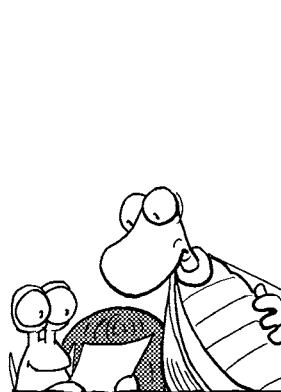
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



notice.

Lots associated with parking at Silvershell Beach, Planting Island and the Beach at Oakdale Avenue will be closed.

The order does not include public parking at Island Wharf and Old Landing.

This decision was made based on the latest guidance from state officials regarding COVID-19 and social distancing efforts. Governor Baker ordered all coastal beach reservation parking areas managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to close in order to reduce large numbers of people at the beaches.

Marion officials would like to remind all residents that social distancing guidelines have been extended until further notice per federal and state orders. While the Town's beaches remain open and residents are encouraged to get outside for fresh air, it is vitally important for people to stop congregating outside.

Outdoor activities such as walking, running, biking and hiking, with members of the same household, are options for exercise and fresh air that minimize contact and maximize social distancing.

Officials are closely monitoring state and federal guidance regarding the COVID-19 situation and will provide updates as new information becomes available.

Mattapoisett Shellfishing Restrictions

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has notified Mattapoisett that shellfish growing in Mattapoisett Harbor no longer meet established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes.

The closed area is defined as "Cove East of the Town Landing" in the official notification, and reads, "The waters and flats of that portion of Mattapoisett Harbor, east of the mouth of the river and south of a line drawn

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from the 'No Shellfishing' sign at the northern mouth of the Mattapoisett River to the 'No Shellfishing' sign at the eastern entrance to the cove."

The area will remain closed until December 31, 2020. On January 1, 2021 the area will revert to open status for shellfishing. For more information contact Kathy Massey, Animal Control and Shellfish Officer at 508-209-4931.

Stay Healthy and Get Outdoors

Mattapoisett Land Trust invites everyone to use our properties during the COVID-19 pandemic. All MLT preserves are open, and outdoor exercise in the fresh air is a safe and effective way to stay physically and mentally healthy. Be sure to maintain six feet of social distance from others, and keep dogs leashed so that they do not enter others' personal space. The flowers are blooming at Tub Mill and Dunseith, and the woods are awakening with the warmer weather! Trail maps for MLT preserves are found at www.mattlandtrust.org. Please contact MLT at info@mattlandtrust.org or 774-377-9191 with questions or for more information.

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| Buyer(s) | Seller(s) | Address | City | Date | Price |
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| Sadeck, Jason W Sadeck, Nicole | Poulin, Peter A Genereux-Poulin, Lydia | 191 Acushnet Rd | Mattapoisett | 04/24/2020 | \$569,900 |
| Mendonca, Paul | Butler Realty&Marine | 13 Main St #1 | Mattapoisett | 04/23/2020 | \$525,000 |
| Fredette, Raymond A Avelar-Fredette, Marie | Sadeck, Jason W Sadeck, Nicole R | 44 Park St | Mattapoisett | 04/24/2020 | \$430,400 |
| Leblanc, Jean J Cote, Nancy C | Dapolito FT Dapolito, Ralph R | 8 W Silver Shell Ave | Mattapoisett | 04/28/2020 | \$369,000 |
| Mcgee, Robert J Mcgee, Margaret C | Rickard FT Foley, Bridget | 7 Hathaway Pond Cir #7 | Rochester | 04/28/2020 | \$435,000 |
| Soule, Georgina Soule, Mitchell | Mcgee, Robert J Mcgee, Margaret C | 91 Paradise Ln | Rochester | 04/27/2020 | \$599,000 |
| Calnen, Michael J Calnen, Andrea L | Soule, Mitchell F Soule, Georgina M | 217 Ryder Rd | Rochester | 04/27/2020 | \$484,000 |
| Rivera, Stacy A | Anuszczyk, Steven P Anuszczyk, Susan I | 4 Wordell St | Rochester | 04/24/2020 | \$290,000 |

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Local Tides

| Day | Date | High | | Low | |
|--------------------|--------|--|-------|--|-------|
| | | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| Thursday | May 14 | 2:20 | 2:50 | 8:59 | 8:47 |
| Friday | May 15 | 3:16 | 3:47 | 9:54 | 10:17 |
| Saturday | May 16 | 4:13 | 4:45 | 10:31 | 11:07 |
| Sunday | May 17 | 5:09 | 5:38 | 11:03 | 11:46 |
| Monday | May 18 | 5:59 | 6:23 | 11:35 | |
| Tuesday | May 19 | 6:42 | 7:02 | 12:24 | 12:09 |
| Wednesday | May 20 | 7:20 | 7:37 | 1:03 | 12:44 |
| Thursday | May 21 | 7:57 | 8:11 | 1:42 | 1:21 |
| Friday | May 22 | 8:34 | 8:45 | 2:23 | 1:59 |
| Saturday | May 23 | 9:12 | 9:22 | 3:03 | 2:38 |
| Sunday | May 24 | 9:53 | 10:02 | 3:41 | 3:17 |
| Monday | May 25 | 10:37 | 10:46 | 4:16 | 3:57 |
| Tuesday | May 26 | 11:24 | 11:35 | 4:52 | 4:39 |
| Wednesday | May 27 | | 12:16 | 5:31 | 5:26 |
| Thursday | May 28 | 12:29 | 1:10 | 6:18 | 6:20 |
| Friday | May 29 | 1:25 | 2:05 | 7:17 | 7:28 |
| Saturday | May 30 | 2:22 | 3:02 | 8:27 | 8:51 |
| Sunday | May 31 | 3:22 | 4:02 | 9:34 | 10:16 |
| Phases of the Moon | | Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon | | May 14th May 22nd May 30th June 5th | |



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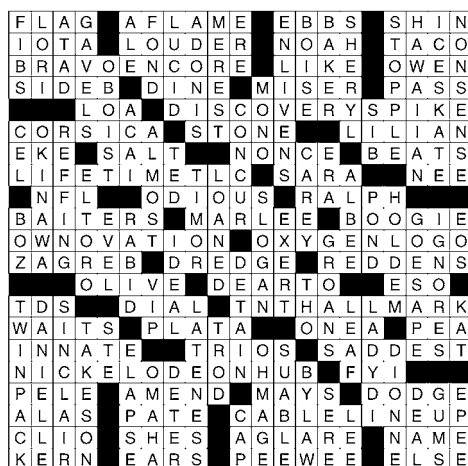
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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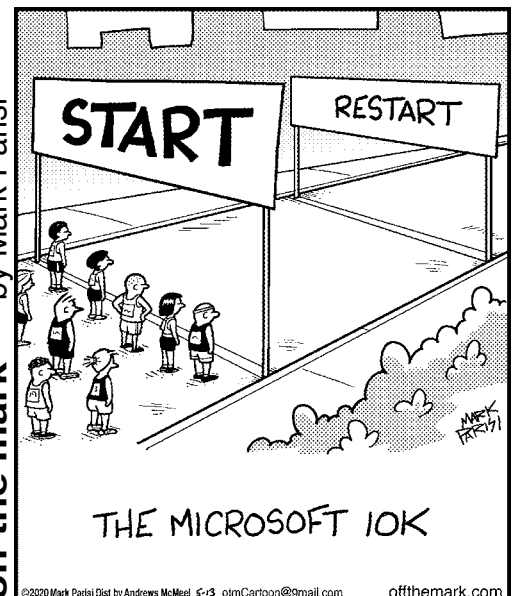
1. Caress; 2. Alert;
3. Refuse; 4. Ether

Today's Word
FATHER

Sudoku Answer

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| 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 3 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| 9 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
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